

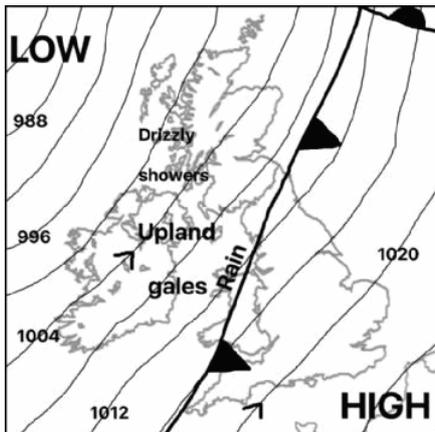
# West Highlands

Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area include Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, includes Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Includes Arran and Mull.



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## General Summary for Tuesday, 17 April, 2018



**British Mountain Summary:**  
**Based on forecast chart for noon 17 April, 2018**

A windy day across all areas with widespread upland southerly gales. A cold front, and its associated rain, will edge southeastwards; becoming slow-moving across England and Wales into the afternoon. Drizzly showers will follow across Scotland; these mainly in the west and southwest where hill fog will remain fairly extensive.

**Headline for West Highlands**

Widespread upland gales. Rain clearing to showers. Extensive hill fog.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 17 April, 2018

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southerly in the range 45 to 65mph, generally strongest west coastal mountains in the morning when locally 75mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking widely difficult or very difficult where exposed on higher areas. Some strong gusts running downslope locally to reach lower slopes. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Rain in morning easing to showers</b> Rain from dawn will ease into the afternoon, leaving drizzly showers Loch Lomond NP and some western mountains. Amounting to very little near/north of Glen Spean. Burn levels high, run-off augmented by snow melt.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive, breaks forming north</b> Fog extensive, widely from lower slopes up in rain. Cloud base lifting, and breaks developing above 700 to 900m; especially near and north of Glen Spean and also Corrour. However, cloud may remain persistent above 800m across western hills.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20% western hills. Lifting to 50% inland.</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	A little sun may break through in Lochaber. Slight haze, but visibility may improve, especially north.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	4C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	<b>Wednesday 18 April</b>	<b>Thursday 19 April</b>
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southerly, 25 to 35mph, risk locally 40mph western coastal mountains.	Southwest in the range 15-25mph, but perhaps 35mph for a few hours around dawn.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Buffeting where exposed, especially near west coast; locally gusty through passes and to some lower slopes.</b>	<b>May impede walking across higher areas, mainly around dawn.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Little or no rain</b> Occasional drizzle or patchy rain may occur on coastal hills, but amounts should be small, and many areas dry.	<b>No precipitation expected</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Risk stubborn low cloud</b>  Low confidence of detail: Threat extensive fog from low levels up, focused on Loch Lomond NP and Clyde sea lochs, perhaps more extensive morning, but breaking inland and north.	<b>Banks of cloud; breaking inland.</b>  Some banks of low cloud, down to lowest slopes, will affect coastal hills, especially Arran and Mull, at times through the day. Elsewhere, patches of cloud here and there from dawn will disperse leaving most hills clear of cloud.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>30% western coastal hills, 60% elsewhere</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Hazy sunshine developing; mostly northern Lochaber. Generally hazy, but visibility may become very good north.	Sunshine increasingly breaking through.  Visibility generally good or very good.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	4 rising to 7C.	5 to 7C, warmest in the east
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits	Above the tops

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 18 April, 2018**

Southerly winds throughout the week, initially gale force on many mountains. A front moves in from the Atlantic to bring a period of rain on Tuesday, but this will fade. A legacy of low cloud may plague coastal hills in the west, otherwise an increasingly warm and sunny picture will develop by midweek. Although foggy at times across western coastal areas. High pressure should remain broadly in charge into the weekend, although some heavy showers may arrive by Sunday. Considerable snowmelt Scottish Highlands (albeit snow cover still extensive in many areas next weekend).

**Forecast issued at 13:54 on Monday, 16 April, 2018**

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