

West Highlands

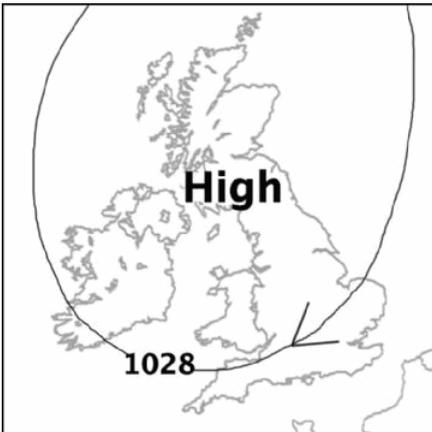
Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area include Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, includes Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Includes Arran and Mull.



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General Summary for Thursday, 17 May, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 May, 2018

Extensive sunshine - beware sunburn - although above the summits, some areas will tend to cloud over in the afternoon. Almost windless and the air very clear indeed. Slight frost many valleys at dawn, but becoming warm in the afternoon,

Headline for West Highlands

Almost windless. Bright sunshine. Temperatures rising markedly.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 17 May, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	Direction may well vary 10mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible
How wet?	No rain
Cloud on the hills?	Very little if any Fragments on a few higher slopes after dawn will by mid-morning lift above the summits.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Almost certain by mid-morning
Sunshine and air clarity?	Extensive sunshine, although will tend to turn more cloudy inland in afternoon.
How Cold? (at 900m)	2C rising to 9C, although to 5C Mull.
Freezing Level	1150m after dawn. Will lift above the summits. Slight frost many glens at dawn.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 18 May	Saturday 19 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly; 5-10mph Arran and Loch Lomond NP to 15 or 20mph near and west of Loch Linnhe. Negligible toward Central Belt; small elsewhere	Southerly, strengthening gradually from 20 to 30mph but near and west of Loch Linnhe from 25mph to 35mph. Mostly fairly small although near and west of Loch Linnhe, walking increasingly arduous on higher areas.
How wet?	Drizzly rain mainly near and west of Loch Linnhe Drizzly rain on and off west of Loch Linnhe and rarely reaching 10 or 20 miles east of Loch Linnhe and hills near the coast and sea lochs south to the Arrochar area. Total rainfall small everywhere.	Rain not expected
Cloud on the hills?	Generally very little Most summits cloud free throughout the day. However, fog will envelop areas above 500 to 750m west of Loch Linnhe and in afternoon may form on summits near sea lochs south from Loch Etive.	Little if any Fragments of cloud may form on coastal summits, mainly morning - not necessarily on highest tops.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	80%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Little or, toward and west of Loch Linnhe, no sun due to high level cloud. Very good or excellent visibility.	Bright sunshine and just patchy cloud forming. Excellent visibility, although more hazy as day progresses toward west coast.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	7C, although nearer 5C near the coast. Above the summits	10C, but 8C Mull. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 18 May, 2018**

Extensively fine with sunshine and light wind over the coming week to ten days. However, rain will spread inland across western Scotland on Sunday, perhaps reaching eastern mountains before evening. The rain may well continue off and on through Monday, and could also temporarily affect hills near the Irish Sea. The dry conditions should then resume. On the Scottish Highlands, sustained snowmelt, although some routes, mainly those in from the north onto some Munros are likely to remain blocked by hard snow and ice.

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