

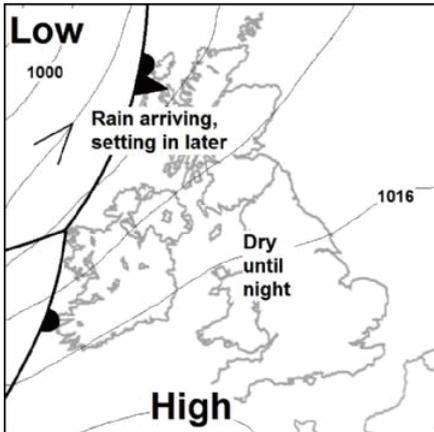
# West Highlands

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 Wednesday, 13 June, 2018



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 13 June, 2018**

Fronts moving in from the west will push rain into W & NW Scotland, becoming persistent and heavy later. SE Scotland, plus England & Wales will stay substantially dry until sunset. Southwesterly winds will strengthen, reaching gale force later, then severe upland gales overnight.

### Headline for West Highlands

Rain developing, setting in. Upland gales afternoon onward.

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 13 June, 2018

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	South to southwesterly; strengthening from the west: 15-20mph at first, 25-35mph by midday, then 40-50mph by mid-afternoon onward, risk 60mph near/west of Loch Linnhe.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking will become increasingly arduous by afternoon and more especially in the evening when widely difficult higher slopes.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Rain arriving, becoming persistent west</b> Dry most or all morning many areas. Rain developing from the west, initially fairly patchy, arriving on hills west of Loch Linnhe through the morning, then becoming more widespread afternoon onward. Prolonged heavy falls continuing into the night, especially western mountains.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Early fog lifting; returning in rain</b> Patches of low cloud here and there at varying heights from dawn; these will lift and clear the hills by mid-morning, leaving many hills clear prior to rain. However, as rain sets in, cloud will lower from the west to 600m, or later from lower slopes up near coast.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>60%, later 20%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Hazy sun will gradually give way to cloudy skies by the middle of the day. Visibility generally good; slight haze across western hills, then deteriorating in rain.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	6 to 8C; coldest west coast
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 14 June	Friday 15 June
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southwest changing abruptly westerly; in the range 45 to 60mph, risk 70mph for a few hours. Easing only slightly later. <b>Walking difficult on higher areas most of the day. Considerable buffeting from lower slopes up. Significant wind chill.</b>	Southwest backing southerly, 20 to 25mph, perhaps 30mph northern tops at first. <b>Fairly small, but may impede ease of walking some high tops.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Frequent rain, heavy showers</b> Overnight rain should move through, but clusters of showers coming in from the west may merge to give frequent heavy bursts over many hours; possible sleet high tops.	<b>Occasional rain</b> Rain on and off, perhaps frequent rain for a few hours, some heavy bursts locally, spreading increasingly further inland in the afternoon.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive, base lifting</b> Widely shrouding the mountains at first, to low levels in west. Cloud base tending to lift through the day, with breaks often above 700 to 900m, or higher well inland PM.	<b>Extensive higher areas</b> Often covering the mountains, cloud base 700 to 800m, briefly lower in rain, although tending to lift through day. Well inland, especially Lochaber, breaks to 1000m or above.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Brief glimpses of sun. Visibility very good at times, but reduced significantly by rain.	A little sun breaking through, mostly around Glen Spean. Visibility reduced by rain, but at times very good.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b> <b>Freezing Level</b>	7C at first, but likely dropping, to 3 to 5C; coldest near/west of Loch Linnhe. Above the summits, but dropping close to 1300m in north.	4 to 7C; coldest west. Above the summits.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 14 June, 2018**

Changeable conditions over the next week or so as frontal systems come in from the Atlantic. Spells of rain, most persistent on western mountains, accompanied by low cloud. Rain tending to focus on western Scotland next week, whilst England, Wales and the eastern Highlands should see just small amounts. Winds varied, but at times blustery, some days up to gale force on the mountains. Temperatures close to average, but cooler than recent times for many, particularly western Scotland.

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