

West Highlands

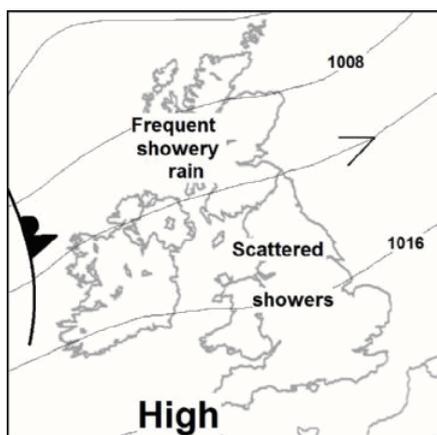
Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area include Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, includes Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Includes Arran and Mull.



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General Summary for Friday, 15 June, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 June, 2018

A general southwesterly flow will bring showery rain to the Highlands, most frequent in the west. A few showers England & Wales, but often dry. Breezy on higher areas, but winds considerably lighter than Thursday.

Headline for West Highlands

Showery rain, at times persistent. Wind easing.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 15 June, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwest backing southerly, 20 to 25mph, but 30mph northern tops at first; easing to 15mph or less later in day.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but may impede ease of walking some high tops at first.
How wet?	Rain frequent, showery bursts Rain on and off from before dawn; frequent or persistent in some areas over several hours through the day, with heavy bursts locally, these spreading increasingly further inland.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive higher areas 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 away from rain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% morning; 50% afternoon.
Sunshine and air clarity?	A little sun breaking through, mostly around Glen Spean. Visibility reduced by rain, but at times very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4 to 7C; coldest west.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 16 June	Sunday 17 June
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Variable in direction, mostly east or southeasterly; often 5 to 10mph or less, perhaps 15 to 25mph briefly. Mostly negligible	South to southwesterly; strengthening through day, from 10-15mph at dawn, to 25-35mph by evening, strongest west. Mostly small, but walking becoming impeded on higher western hills later.
How wet?	Rain then scattered showers Areas of rain from dawn, locally persistent for a few hours. Scattered showers will then develop from late morning onwards; locally heavy with a risk of thunder. Some areas; especially along the coast, will become dry.	Rain arriving from west later The odd drizzly shower in the morning, but many hours substantially dry. During the afternoon or into the evening, a greater risk of rain or drizzle developing from the west.
Cloud on the hills?	Patchy fog clearing by midday Areas of low cloud will shroud the hills from dawn at varying heights, before lifting and breaking from mid morning. Most hills will become clear of cloud by midday, at least for a time, before some patches reform in and around showers.	Breaks to many tops; lowering in rain Banks of cloud above 600 to 800m, or locally lower in the morning, but will lift and break, patches becoming confined above 1000-1100m by middle of day. Where rain develops later, cloud will lower across the hills.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	60%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Occasional sunshine breaking through; perhaps becoming extensive along coast. Visibility generally becoming very good.	A little sun in the morning, but becoming increasingly overcast. Visibility very good most of the day; reduced in rain later.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5 lifting to around 8C Above the summits.	5 rising to 8C, or locally slightly warmer central Highlands. Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 16 June, 2018**

Conditions remaining mixed into next week as frontal systems continue to come in from the Atlantic. Spells of rain, most persistent on western mountains in Scotland, accompanied by low cloud. Meanwhile, England, Wales and the eastern Highlands should see just small amounts of rain. Winds varied, but at times blustery, some days up to gale force on the mountains. Temperatures close to average, but cooler than recent weeks overall, particularly western Scotland.

Forecast issued at 16:26 on Thursday, 14 June, 2018

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