

# West Highlands

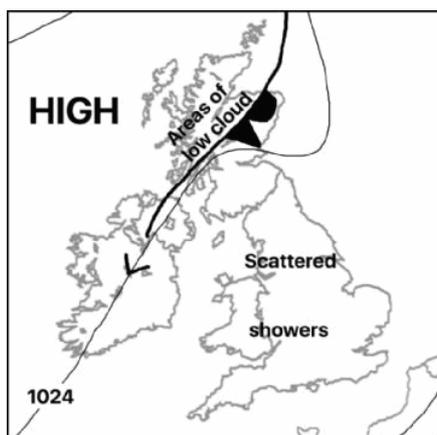
Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area include Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, includes Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Includes Arran and Mull.



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## General Summary for Thursday, 12 July, 2018



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 12 July, 2018**

A weak front will bring largely cloudy and damp conditions across the Scottish Highlands with cloud shrouding the hills much of the day; but tending to lift to higher slopes with local showers breaking out. Elsewhere, early patches of mist and low cloud will lift and clear, but scattered showers will develop.

### Headline for West Highlands

Extensive low cloud gradually lifting. Isolated drizzle, shower risk later.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 12 July, 2018

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Direction variable, rarely more than 5mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Negligible</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Patchy drizzle, risk of a shower later</b> Many places substantially dry, but a little drizzly rain may linger for several hours locally. A possibility of isolated showers breaking out inland in the afternoon.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive, lifting with local breaks PM</b> Areas of cloud from very low levels up from dawn giving extensive hill fog. Most should lift to 800m or above by afternoon with local breaks developing to tops, but some locations may see low cloud hang over the hills much of the day, mostly across the central Highlands.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, but here and there occasional sun breaking through, particularly coastal hills PM. A general haze, perhaps murky some areas, but visibility improving into the afternoon.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	8 to 11C, coolest where in cloud.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 13 July	Saturday 14 July
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Direction variable, little wind much of day. May become southwesterly 15-25mph on/near Mull by evening.  <b>Mostly negligible</b>	Southwesterly 20-30 mph; strongest across western coastal hills.  <b>May impede walking at times across higher areas.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Small risk a heavy shower inland</b> A few drizzly outbreaks or even a local burst of rain possible from early morning, but most of the region generally dry. Chance of an local heavy shower or isolated thunderstorm in the central highlands afternoon/evening.	<b>Drizzly rain edging eastwards</b> Drizzly rain will arrive across the west coast by late morning, and then spread to all areas through the afternoon. Amounts generally small.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Becoming confined to high tops</b>  Banks of cloud at various levels from lower slopes up post-dawn. Most cloud lifting above 700-900m, with breaks to higher tops in afternoon.	<b>Becoming extensive in rain</b>  A few patches of cloud across higher areas from dawn will tend to clear. However, as rain arrives, cloud will lower onto the hills and become extensive; later in the day down to lowest slopes.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine breaking through, most widely coastal hills by afternoon.  Visibility typically very good; locally murky early in day.	A few glimpses of weak sun in morning, mainly well inland. Overcast by afternoon.  Visibility very good at first, but deteriorating markedly with onset of rain.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	9 to 13C  Above the summits	11 or 12C  Above the summits

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 13 July, 2018**

Pressure stays fairly high on Friday, but some instability in the atmosphere will trigger a few showers over the hills - local thunderstorms possible. Areas of low cloud, but also breaks to many higher summits. Winds generally very light. By the weekend, weak fronts to edge east across Scotland bringing a little drizzly rain and low cloud; mainly across western hills. It will remain largely dry across England and Wales. A fairly slack pressure pattern is likely into next week, and with a warm and quite humid airmass in place, showers will develop; these perhaps more widespread later in the week.

**Forecast issued at 16:35 on Wednesday, 11 July, 2018**

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