

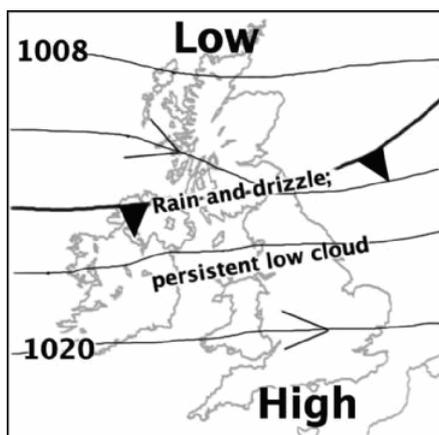
West Highlands

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, 14 September, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 September, 2018

Windy, particularly morning Scottish Highlands. A weak front will continue to lie across central Britain, bringing bursts of rain, and very extensive low cloud - this giving fog on many lower west coastal slopes. Colder and showery N Scotland, risk thunder. Wet snow highest tops.

Headline for West Highlands

Upland near gales easing a little. Showery: rain & hail; chance thunder. Cold.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 14 September, 2018

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Westerly, easing slowly through day: typically 30mph, although post dawn temporarily nearer 40mph.</p> <p>Nearer 25mph by evening (possibly 30mph all day Arran).</p> <p>Walking arduous on the hills, although conditions will slowly ease.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Frequent showers. Hail, wet snow highest tops, risk lightning.</p> <p>Rain overnight may take a few hours to ease, particularly Loch Lomond NP and also Arran where the rain could be on and off all day.</p> <p>Otherwise from north, showers, some frequent and heavy with hail and small risk thunder. Wet snow on highest tops.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Extensive on higher areas</p> <p>Cloud bases up and down between showers.</p> <p>In rain, patches around 500m (perhaps widely so past dawn).</p> <p>Otherwise, most cloud above 800m near the coast and 1000m well inland.</p> <p>May break off higher tops occasionally.</p> <p>30%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Glimpses of sun, mainly well inland.</p> <p>Visibility frequently excellent.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>3C</p> <p>Just above highest summits.</p>

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 15 September	Sunday 16 September
How windy? (On the Munros)	West backing southwesterly 20-25mph. Will strengthen evening.	Southwesterly 45 to 55mph post dawn. Will ease by mid-afternoon to 35 to 45mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly fairly small.	Walking widely difficult where exposed on higher areas, especially morning. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers Showers, of wet snow on highest tops. Threat of rain becoming extensive later in day, then rarely ceasing overnight.	Rain on and off Rain and drizzle morning, most persistent toward the coast. Improving afternoon, when only a few showers - perhaps giving wet snow highest tops.
Cloud on the hills?	Shrouding higher tops frequently Cloud base will vary, dropping below 700m near showers, most extensively near the coast. Otherwise, by late morning, most cloud above 900 to on central highlands 1050m. In rain later in day, low cloud will become extensive, forming lower slopes near	Very extensive Fog across the hills, widely from lower slopes up near the west coast. Elsewhere, patches lower slopes, but mostly above 600m. During afternoon, some improvement as most cloud lifts above 500 to 700m but nearer 600 to 900m central highlands.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, most widely well inland in morning - sheet of high level cloud then thickening. Mostly excellent visibility - but will become poor in rain.	Little or no sun. Hazy at best; visibility often poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C post dawn; rising toward 6C.	5C (though a few degrees higher in morning).
Freezing Level	1200m post dawn, above the summits by midday. Widespread frost in glens at dawn.	Just above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 15 September, 2018**

Frequently windy, wet with extensive low cloud, with the worst conditions focussed on western mountains - for the next week to ten days. Risk around Tuesday of stormy very wet weather although the timing and track of the worst conditions is very uncertain.

Forecast issued at 14:45 on Thursday, 13 September, 2018

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