

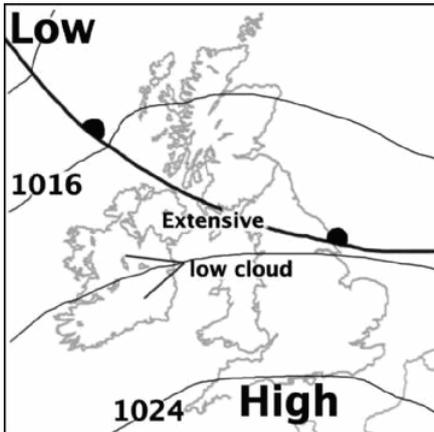
West Highlands

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 Saturday, 15 September, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 September, 2018

For most mountain areas something of a lull for a while before gales develop towards or soon after dusk. Cold enough for snow at first in showers over highest tops in Scotland. After initially rising, threat of cloud bases falling over ranges near Irish Sea later in the day.

Headline for West Highlands

Showers, wet and windy evening.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 15 September, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	West backing southwesterly 20-25mph. Will strengthen evening; upland gales after dark.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small - but walking quickly becoming difficult after dusk.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers Showers, of wet snow on highest tops. Rain becoming extensive later afternoon or evening, initially coastal hills. Heavy rain overnight.
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 coast.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, most widely well inland in morning - sheet of high level cloud then thickening. Excellent visibility - but will become poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C post dawn; rising toward 6C.
Freezing Level	1200m post dawn, above the summits by midday. Widespread frost in glens at dawn.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 16 September	Monday 17 September
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 45 to 60mph post dawn. Will ease by midday to 35 to 45mph and to 25 to 30mph by dusk. Walking widely difficult where exposed on higher areas, especially morning. Significant wind chill.	Southwesterly backing more southerly and increasing from 25 to around 40mph by dusk and further overnight. Increasing amounts of buffeting with likelihood of difficult walking conditions in the evening.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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.	Period of heavy rain Perhaps mostly dry in the morning apart from a few coastal showers. A few hours of heavy rain likely by midday.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Very extensive Fog across the hills, widely from lower slopes up near the west coast. Elsewhere, patches lower slopes, but mostly above 600m. Will improve middle of day as most cloud lifts above 700m with breaks to 900 to 1100m. 20%	Often extensive particularly west Probably some breaks to higher tops at first but lowering considerably in rain by midday with patches to below 250 metres near western coasts. 30% falling to 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun. Hazy at best; visibility often poor in rain.	Glimpses of sunshine mainly to north of higher tops. Visibility very good or excellent away from rain.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5C (though a few degrees higher in morning). Just above the summits.	4 rising to 7C Soon rising above highest summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 16 September, 2018**

Generally rather cold and unsettled with rain focused onto northwestern ranges. Remains of hurricane Helene threaten to bring very strong winds, a brief appreciable rise of temperatures and locally heavy rain quickly northwards around Monday night and into Tuesday. Showers or longer spells of rain likely across many area at some time on Tuesday and/or Wednesday. Further ahead there appears to be a trend towards higher pressure with a good chance of a significant rise in temperatures for a while. Still a chance of a spell of wet and windy weather in north and west around Friday.

Forecast issued at 18:58 on Friday, 14 September, 2018

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