

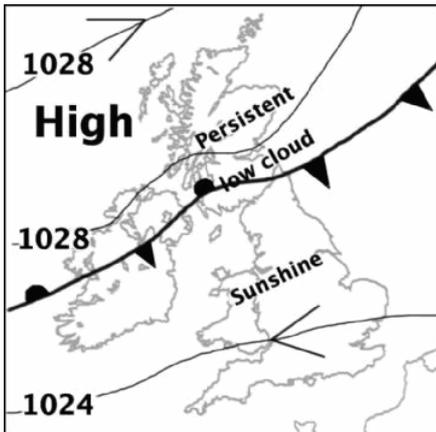
West Highlands

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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Summer and Winter Climbing, Walking and Mountaineering in the West Highlands of Scotland

General Summary for Thursday, 26 March, 2020



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 26 March, 2020

Light wind. The remnants of a front across southern and central Scotland will bring a blanket of low cloud and here and there light rain (snow some higher tops). Clear air to the north (NW Highlands), but higher areas sub-freezing. Extensive sunshine England and Wales.

Headline for West Highlands

Little wind; pockets of drizzly rain, snow higher up. Persistent fog.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 26 March, 2020

How windy? (On the Munros)	Direction variable 10mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy drizzle; sleet/snow higher tops Many areas dry, but a few patches of drizzly rain or snow flurries higher tops will drift about only slowly - locally giving an hour or two of light precipitation.
Cloud on the hills?	Persisting on many hills all day Blanket of low cloud, in places forming on lower slopes, and the fog widespread above 500 or 600m may well persist all day. There may be a few breaks to higher slopes. Summits near and west of Loch Linnhe may clear, but this uncertain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Less than 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine rarely coming through, although coastal summits north from Mull may clear. Generally very hazy, although excellent visibility near and west of Loch Linnhe.
How Cold? (at 900m)	2C, although 0 or 1C near and west of Loch Linnhe.
Freezing Level	900 to 1000m Mull/west of Loch Linnhe. Elsewhere, 1150m or above.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 27 March	Saturday 28 March
How windy? (On the Munros)	Direction variable, may become mostly northeasterly, 10mph or less.	Northerly 20mph
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly negligible	Small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patches of light precipitation Light rain and drizzle here and there, total rainfall small.	Isolated flurries A few brief flurries of hail.
Cloud on the hills?	May remain extensive Detail uncertain: Very likely extensive low cloud persisting most or all day, typical base 500 to 750m, although particularly morning a few patches on lower slopes. There may be a trend for the low cloud to break up from the north.	Very little Fragments will shroud a few higher slopes after dawn before all cloud lifts above the summits.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine. Visibility varied; it may well remain extensively hazy, although the visibility may become excellent from the north, at least across Lochaber.	Patchwork of bright sunshine; most sun toward central belt. Superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	2C, may drop toward 0C later in day.	-4C. Will rise 3 or 4 degrees, particularly sheltered sunlit slopes through the day.
Freezing Level	Between 900 and 1200m, highest southern areas.	400m or lower at dawn with frost extensive in valleys. Will rise a few hundred metres, particularly sunlit slopes.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 27 March, 2020

Frequently cold over the next week, leaving higher terrain frozen. A little snow, mainly N/NE Scotland, but with pressure high centred just west of Britain, total precipitation small.

Scottish MR Note: Scot Gov has stated that "essential travel only must be undertaken" in order to protect our rural communities and prevent extra pressure on our Emergency Services. Now is the time to avoid unnecessary mountain activities and consider our social responsibilities. More info, visit: <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Forecast issued at 12:36 on Wednesday, 25 March, 2020

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