

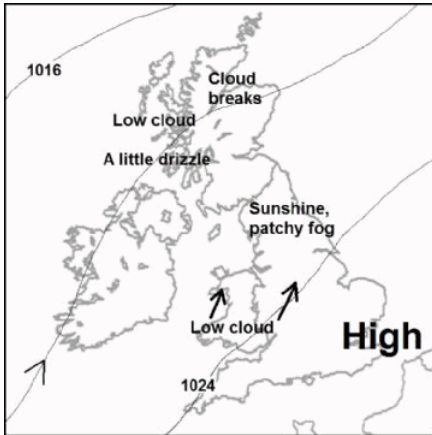
# West Highlands

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 January, 2022



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 15 January, 2022**

Areas of low cloud at various levels, but may shroud western Scotland much of the day, patchy drizzle. Breaks north and east across the Highlands. Hills mostly clear northern England. Patchy fog. Low cloud likely to spread across Wales from south. Local gusty wind. Dropping near freezing some slopes, plus frost some valleys.

### Headline for West Highlands

Low cloud fairly extensive, drizzle mainly coastal hills. Local breaks.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 15 January, 2022

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	South to southwesterly 15 to 20mph, locally 25-30mph around some tops and corries.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Fairly small inland, but locally rather gusty not just on highest slopes. Occasional buffeting and marked wind chill where exposed.
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Patchy light showers near coast</b> Local drizzly showers, snow flurries on Munros, mostly hills nearest the west coast and sea lochs, may encroach further into Loch Lomond NP.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Lowest around coasts, breaks north</b> Varied in extent and elevation. Near west coast and across western Loch Lomond NP, often shrouded above 500-700m, but foggy to some lower slopes. Further inland and north, cloud more broken, some tops above lower fog.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20% near coasts; 60% inland Lochaber.</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Mostly cloudy, occasional sun mainly inland across Lochaber. Misty some glens and lower slopes, chance of some high tops being clear above cloud banks.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	Around 0C, but may be 2C for a time inland; small variation of temperature with increasing height. Directly in strongest wind, feeling as cold as -10C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Likely to drop just below freezing point from about 800-900m upward. Locally slight frost glens well inland.

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 16 January	Monday 17 January
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Westerly 20 to 30mph, strongest higher tops in Lochaber, locally 35mph.  <b>Blustery across the hills, buffeting and marked wind chill in places on higher slopes.</b>	Westerly 15 to perhaps 25mph at dawn Lochaber, but dropping light and variable. Later southerly 20-25mph, strongest coast. <b>Mostly small, but may be blustery on some tops just at first, and more widely toward evening.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>A little rain or summit snow</b> Often dry, but occasional patches of rain, sleet or snow on the Munros, most common western hills, particularly west of Loch Linnhe.	<b>Rain not expected</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Fairly persistent high tops, lowest west</b>  Often shrouding higher areas above 800 to 1000m, lowest toward west coast, sometimes filling in below 600m around Mull. Toward the central Highlands, breaks more common, at times to highest tops.  <b>30%</b>	<b>Mostly very little</b>  Banks of cloud may cover some slopes, mainly areas near and west of Loch Linnhe, where may drift around for a few hours, but likely to break up. Some high tops above cloud.  <b>90%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mostly well inland. A general haze west coast, misty at times; visibility mostly good inland.	Frequently sunny with excellent visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	-1 to +1C  May vary; near or just below freezing above 800 to 1050m, perhaps higher toward south, beware of icy surfaces.	Locally near 0C at dawn, rising to around 5C most areas. Hills warmer than inland glens.  Pockets of frost, particularly inland glens, higher terrain also at least part-frozen, but air temperature rising well above zero.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 16 January, 2022**

Weakening fronts will pass southwards across Britain during Sunday, bringing small amounts of precipitation. Close to freezing on higher mountains, beware of hardened snow patches and ice in places. High pressure briefly rebuilds into Monday with air temperatures rising well above zero on most hills, although a frosty start in many valleys. Damp and mild southwesterlies into Tuesday bring extensive cloud, rain or drizzle, wettest in western Scotland. Windy into midweek in the north. A cold front is likely to bring rain turning to hill snow in Scotland, leading to a chillier second half of the week. Some further dry days are expected for all as high pressure returns with inversion conditions for some areas.

**Forecast issued at 16:04 on Friday, 14 January, 2022**

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