

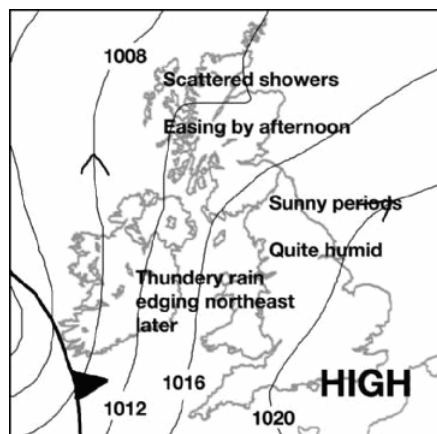
# West Highlands

Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area includes 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 Wednesday, 18 May, 2022



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 18 May, 2022

Scotland - Scattered morning showers, then mostly dry with hazy sun in the afternoon. Low cloud lifting and mostly clearing by afternoon.

England/Wales - Mostly dry with hazy sun and quite humid. Increasing risk of thundery rain later, first Wales and then elsewhere into evening.

### Headline for West Highlands

Blustery, gales later west coast. Morning showers easing. Hills clearing with sun.

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 18 May, 2022

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southwesterly becoming southerly, in the range 25 to 40mph, but will deteriorate further through day across western coastal hills and more especially Mull and Arran where towards evening reaching 50-60mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Be prepared for arduous conditions and very gusty periods with considerable buffeting. Becoming widely difficult near west coast and over Isles toward evening with significant buffeting.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Showery rain soon clearing</b> Showery pulses of rain from dawn, focussed on western hills. Clearing to the north by late morning, then likely dry. Rain returning into the evening.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Early banks clearing off hills.</b> Banks covering higher slopes for a few hours from dawn, but lifting and mostly dispersing to leave hills clear by afternoon, bar the odd ragged patch on the tops. Reforming widely in rain evening.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>30% lifting to 80%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Cloud layers thinning to allow hazy spells of sunshine to develop, Visibility good, but slight haze.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	4C lifting to 6 or 7C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 19 May	Friday 20 May
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southwesterly 15 to 30mph, strongest in morning when risk of 35mph for a time.  <b>Will impede walking at times across the hills, especially in the morning when fairly arduous locally.</b>	Southwesterly 15 to 30mph, strongest near the west coast in the morning where reaching 35mph for a time.  <b>Will impede walking at times across the hills, especially across coastal hills where may be fairly arduous in morning.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Scattered showers</b> A scattering of showers through the day. Focussed western coastal hills early in morning, before developing more widely inland into the afternoon.	<b>Showery rain spreading in across area.</b> Isolated showers at first, will increasing give way to more widespread showery rain towards and into the afternoon. Some heavy bursts developing.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>       <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Confined to higher slopes</b>  Broken cloud layers with bases around 800-1100m in the morning, most extensive near the west coast. Into afternoon, bases lifting to 1000-1300m with some breaks.  <b>50%</b>	<b>Fairly extensive higher slopes.</b>  Banks of low cloud from dawn, most widely near coast and Loch Lomond. Higher bases and breaks in north. As rain develops, cloud becoming extensive.  <b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy morning, some patchy sun in the afternoon.  Visibility good or very good, but poor in showers.	Mostly cloudy. A little sun possible morning for a time.  Visibility good, but lowering in rain.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	4C lifting to 6C  Above the summits.	4C lifting to 6C  Above the summits

## Planning Outlook

## All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 19 May, 2022

Generally southwesterly through the rest of the week, feeling rather cool on the mountains. Low cloud and pulses of rain will be concentrated across western Scotland, although some will spill in across England and Wales at times too, especially on Friday when some heavy thundery bursts may develop. Higher pressure building across England and Wales should bring fewer showers and some warmer, sunnier periods. High pressure over England and Wales over the weekend will afford mostly dry conditions here with some sunshine.

## Forecast issued at 16:42 on Tuesday, 17 May, 2022

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