

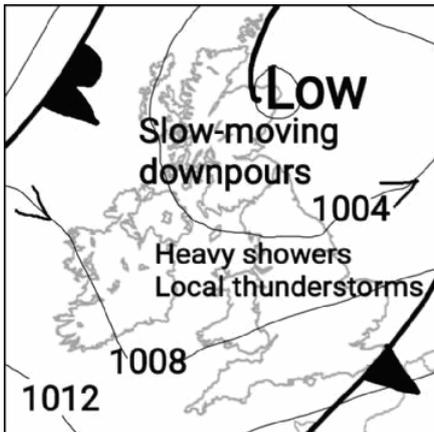
West Highlands

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, from Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Also Arran and Mull.



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General Summary for Tuesday, 11 July, 2023



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 July, 2023

Low pressure centred over northern Scotland, will bring an unsettled and showery day across all mountain areas. Clusters of showers from dawn near coastal areas, will spread inland and develop further into areas of heavy showery rain and local thunderstorms. Rainfall, slow-moving, over Scotland.

Headline for West Highlands

Areas of rain and developing heavy downpours, risk lightning. Hill fog in rain.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 11 July, 2023

How windy? (On the Munros)	Speed and direction likely to vary, marked lulls, but sudden gusts around rain. Later northwesterly 20-25mph, strongest coasts.
Effect of wind on you?	Often small, but mountains near coast and on islands may become increasingly blustery, feeling chilly.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy downpours, risk lightning Areas of rain from dawn, will rotate around a broad centre of low pressure. These will develop into clusters of showers with heavy downpours, and the risk these of merging into an hour or more of rain. Localised thunderstorms possible. May improve later in west.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive Shrouding the mountains most or all day, local variations in and out of rain. Ragged patches lower slopes upward during/after heavier rain. During drier intervals, some breaks may form to higher slopes, perhaps between cloud banks.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, brief glimpses of sun, weak due to high cloud. Visibility good away from rain, but many mountains misty, poor conditions in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	8C, little change all day. If wind strengthens, will feel close to freezing on higher tops.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 12 July	Thursday 13 July
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West later northwesterly, generally 25 to 40mph, but perhaps periods around showers where lifts up to 50mph. Be prepared for arduous conditions for periods, perhaps even difficult in and around showers. Significant wind chill.	Northwesterly 15 to 20mph at first, but tending to ease to 10mph or less through the day. Becoming small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Clusters of showers, frequent at times. Detail uncertain: Clusters of showers from dawn, perhaps more prolonged rain near west coast. Showers developing more widely in afternoon, local thunder inland.	Showers, transferring eastwards. Clusters of showers towards the west coast from dawn, will transfer inland through morning. Some heavy into afternoon inland, easing near west coast.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive Fairly extensive cloud over upper slopes as showers come through. Ragged patches to lower slopes at times, but also away from showers, some breaks to tops.	Varied, but mostly in morning and in rain. Varied conditions. Banks of cloud from dawn on mid to upper slopes, perhaps extensive west coast. Will lift and break to or above tops, but reform in rain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy. Visibility very good at times, but poor in rain.	A little sun, but mostly overcast. Sunnier west coast later in the day. Visibility very good, but poor in showers.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5 or 6C Above the summits	6 to 8C, highest towards Ben Alder in the afternoon. Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 12 July, 2023**

Staying unsettled through this week with low pressure dominant. Areas of rain and showers will affect all areas. Heavy bursts with a risk of thunderstorms. Temperatures on the cool side across the mountains. Wind speeds will vary, typically west or southwesterly, some lulls, but at times strong giving marked wind chill.

Indications favour unsettled weather continuing through next weekend into the start of the following week with low pressure close to Scotland. Unlikely to see any very warm weather returning in the next couple of weeks.

Forecast issued at 16:29 on Monday, 10 July, 2023

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