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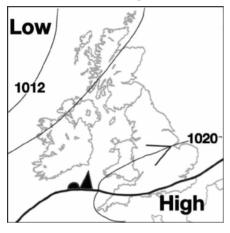
West Highlands

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 Wednesday, 23 August, 2023



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 23 August, 2023

Blustery coastal summits in NW Highlands. Continued low cloud and patches of often drizzly rain, mainly on western mountains, associated with the remains of a series of now weak fronts (most of which not shown on the chart).

Headline for West Highlands

Blustery near/west of Loch Linnhe. Rain and fog, mainly western mountains.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 23 August, 2023

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 15 to 20mph, but at times 25mph on higher tops Lochaber and Mull.	
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but blustery on exposed higher summits and ridges, some buffeting on coastal tops.	
How wet?	Showery rain	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly rain frequently; for periods persistent west from mountains near Loch & Glen Etive and near and west of Loch Linnhe.	
	On the central highlands, and north of Glen Spean, rain only occasionally.	
Cloud on the hills?	hills? Never clearing most mountains all day	
Chance of cloud	Persistent fog across the mountains. Cloud often at or below 300m Mull, Jura and at first near Clyde sea lochs. Otherwise, cloud base rising through morning to 500-700m, but nearer 900 to perhaps occasionally 1050m near Glen Spean and lochs Ossian/Treig. Less than 10%	
free Munros?		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine. Persistent haze near coast; but visibility often very good elsewhere.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	8C.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits	

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West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 24 August	Friday 25 August
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly, within an area of low pressure, mostly between 15 and 25mph, but risk 30mph in some areas. Mostly fairly small, although may well impede ease of walking on some higher areas.	Between west and northerly; within low pressure speeds may well be below 15mph, but risk later 25mph near coast. Mostly small.
How wet?	Frequent rain.	Rain on and off
(Precipitation and its impact)	Periods of rain, particularly more western mountains. The rain locally heavy with small risk thunder. Overall relatively dry during the morning. Least rain near lochs Treig and Ossian and on Arran, where often dry.	Within an area of low pressure, pulses of rain will come and go, in places persistent for a few hours, but also briefer heavy showers with risk thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive near coast; cloud base rising for periods well inland	Most summits persistently foggy
	Generally higher summits persistently foggy, with cloud near the coast often below 400m. However, toward central highlands, cloud base will rise during morning, and may clear at least temporarily above 1000m.	Generally fog covering higher areas persistently, and in places forming for several hours on lower slopes. However, particularly well inland, by afternoon some areas will clear to 900, perhaps locally 1050m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little if any sunshine and frequent poor visibility western mountains. Well inland, intermittent sunshine and often very good or excellent visibility.	Little or no sunshine. Visibility varied, sometimes very good or excellent, but poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	7C	7C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 24 August, 2023

Generally drier conditions later this week and into early next week, and with the wind initially turning toward the north, less humid - allowing fog to clear some higher summits (particularly away from NW Highlands). Fairly light wind until Sunday, when upland winds may approach gale force.

Forecast issued at 7:26 on Wednesday, 23 August, 2023

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