

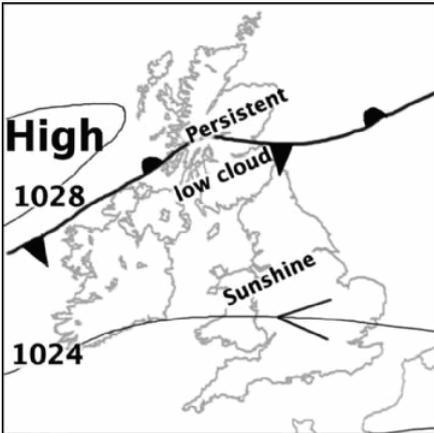
West Highlands

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 Friday, 27 March, 2020



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 27 March, 2020

The remnants of a front will continue to bring dull hazy weather across much of Scotland, although the NW Highlands extensively fine with very clear air. Extensive sunshine England and Wales, though increasingly blustery.

Headline for West Highlands

Extensively dull and murky; patches drizzle. Clearer near/west of Loch Linnhe.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 27 March, 2020

How windy? (On the Munros)	Direction variable after dawn. Soon northerly 10mph, but 15mph near Clyde sea lochs.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Light precipitation now and again Light rain and drizzle or on higher slopes snow flurries here and there, total rainfall small. Precipitation unlikely near and west of Loch Linnhe.
Cloud on the hills?	May remain extensive, although base generally rising 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 will be a trend for the cloud base to lift toward 900m, but toward the coast (including summits near sea lochs) may eventually break off most Munros.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%; rising to 60% toward the coast.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine, except perhaps Mull. Visibility varied; extensively very hazy, although the visibility may become excellent Lochaber and west of Loch Linnhe.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Between 0 and 2C.
Freezing Level	Between 900 and 1100m, highest southern areas. Slight frost some glens at dawn.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 28 March	Sunday 29 March
How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly 20mph	Northerly 20mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Small	Small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Isolated flurries A few brief flurries of hail.	Precipitation very unlikely Risk isolated very brief hail flurries.
Cloud on the hills?	Very little Fragments will shroud a few higher slopes after dawn before all cloud lifts above the summits.	Extensively clear of cloud Fragments on higher areas after dawn will lift above the summits by mid-morning. Risk though of cloud base lowering a evening toward 750 to 950m near and west of Loch Linnhe.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	90%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of bright sunshine; most sun toward central belt. Superb visibility.	Sunshine, extensive morning, will become occasional as cloud progressively fills in. Superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-4C. Will rise 3 or 4 degrees, particularly sheltered sunlit slopes through the day.	-5C rising toward 0C.
Freezing Level	400m or lower at dawn with frost extensive in valleys. Will rise a few hundred metres, particularly sunlit slopes.	Terrain more or less frozen from valleys up at dawn. Will thaw lower slopes as freezing level reaches 900m by late afternoon.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 28 March, 2020**

Frequently cold over the next week, leaving higher terrain in Scotland frozen and intermittently frozen elsewhere. Precipitation amounts very small, although a few hail flurries, mainly N Scotland.

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/>

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