

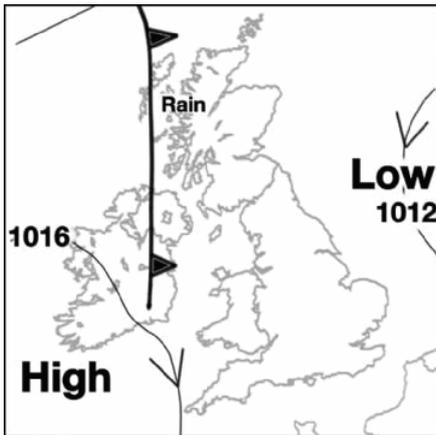
# West Highlands

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 Wednesday, 15 September, 2021



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 15 September, 2021

Light wind across the country. However, in a fairly humid air mass - with a weak front reaching western Scotland - low cloud will be extensive at first although many summits will clear. Here and there showers, but rain on and off near Loch Linnhe and coastal NW Highlands.

#### Headline for West Highlands

Light wind but some rain, mainly near and west of Loch Linnhe.

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 15 September, 2021

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	West or southwesterly 10mph or less.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Negligible
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Occasional rain, mainly Lochaber and Mull</b> Frequently dry much of region although in afternoon occasionally a little rain. Toward and west of Loch Linnhe, the rain becoming more frequent through morning, perhaps falling steadily for an hour or so, particularly Mull.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>May shroud coastal hills widely</b> Overall likely to improve through morning as patches of fog, from lower slopes up, mostly lift to above 900m, and may clear some higher summits well inland. However, in rain, widely Mull/west of Loch Linnhe, fog often below 450m, and rarely lifting above 650m.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>40%, but 10% or less near and west of Loch Linnhe.</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Occasional sunshine, mainly toward central highlands in the afternoon. Misty in rain, although elsewhere, visibility mostly very good.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	9C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 16 September	Friday 17 September
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	West backing southerly 10-15mph. From midday strengthening to by late afternoon 20-25mph, but 30mph Mull.  <b>Mostly small, but noticeable buffeting afternoon, particularly toward the coast.</b>	Southerly 30 to 40mph post dawn. Will, initially near the coast, veer westerly afternoon and drop to 10-15mph.  <b>Significant buffeting on higher areas, but likely to become small or negligible.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Little or most likely no rain</b>  Rain approaching from the Atlantic may reach particularly coastal summits before dark.	<b>Rain, mainly morning</b>  Widespread rain, although rarely heavy near and north of Glen Spean. Will tend to clear from west afternoon.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>   <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Many tops clearing for a few hours</b>  Widespread cloud higher areas from dawn, often at or below 700m. Highest base will be Lochaber east of Loch linnhe where by early afternoon summits may well clear. Elsewhere, cloud base rising toward 1000m perhaps increasingly clearing higher tops through afternoon.  <b>30%</b>	<b>Extensive, particularly toward south</b>  Mountains will soon fill in with cloud, forming on many lower slopes near Clyde sea lochs, Jura and west of Loch Linnhe. Elsewhere, most cloud above 650m, and only rarely below 900m near and north of Glen Spean. Starting near the coast, the cloud may clear through the afternoon.  <b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Patches of sun, mainly middle of day Lochaber - before high level cloud thickens from west. Excellent visibility.	Cloudy and hazy, before through afternoon, sunshine and excellent or superb visibility tend to spread inland.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	8C  Above the summits.	9C  Above the summits.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 16 September, 2021

On Friday, a weakening Atlantic front will bring in rain (mainly to the W & NW Highlands), and stronger winds to western mountains.

As yet detailed confidence not high for the weekend and early next week. There will be a build of pressure following Friday's rain to give substantially fine weather, but the remnants of fronts may still give one or two 'poor' periods, with low cloud and occasional rain.

### Forecast issued at 7:29 on Wednesday, 15 September, 2021

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