

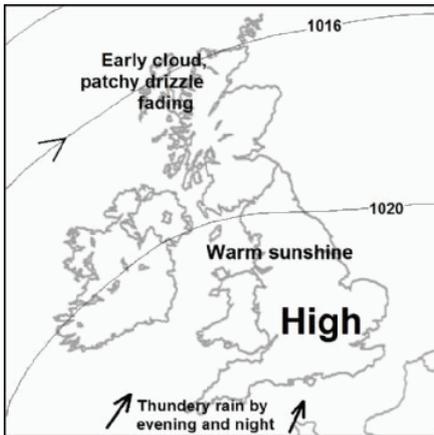
West Highlands

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 Saturday, 14 May, 2022



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 May, 2022

Low cloud and patchy light rain or drizzle affects western Scotland in the morning, but will break up with many mountains clearing across the Highlands. Breezy on Scottish hills, easing with time. England and Wales generally dry with light winds, warm and sunny. Risk bursts of rain spreading from south into night for Wales.

Headline for West Highlands

Low cloud and patchy drizzle, fading. Breeze easing.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 14 May, 2022

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly, after dawn 20 to 25mph, strongest Lochaber. Will gradually drop to 15mph by evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Becoming small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzle near coast fizzling out. Patchy drizzle western mountains, mainly near and west of Loch Linnhe at dawn. Through morning will become confined to a few pockets of fine drizzle before dying out. Very wet underfoot from previous rain; rivers in spate.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Blanket of fog, lifting and breaking Fog will shroud the hills extensively; near the coast forming widely lowest slopes or coastal cliffs upward. Progressively inland, cloud base will be higher and will rise through the day. By late afternoon, well inland and also most of Loch Lomond NP, cloud above 750, perhaps 900m. 20% rising to 60% from south.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patches of sun gradually coming through central highlands and Loch Lomond NP; though little sun toward the coast. Widely misty morning, but gradually visibility becoming very good.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	3C, rising slowly through day, up to 9C central highlands by evening Above the summits

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 15 May	Monday 16 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	East or southeasterly, 5 to 15mph, increasing toward 25-30mph afternoon into evening, soonest southern areas. Starting small, but from the south becoming blustery and very gusty around some tops and passes.	Southeasterly, 20 to 40mph, speeds may vary through the day, likely lessening through the afternoon into evening. Expect considerable buffeting and sudden powerful gusts for several hours, then conditions tending to improve later.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk of afternoon showers Light afternoon showers may turn more persistent near coastal mountains.	Risk rain setting in, sometimes heavy Pulses of rain spreading from the south, although a few hours early morning may stay mainly dry, especially Lochaber. Risk of rain becoming more widespread and heavy for periods, soonest south.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly clear Summits often free of cloud but later during and after rain fog may form on higher slopes for a few hours.	Becoming extensive in rain Some hills in Lochaber and west of Loch Linnhe starting clear, but banks of cloud filling in increasingly around rain, patches to some lower slopes. Some breaks may develop later.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%	50% dropping to 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine. Good visibility although slightly hazy.	Mostly overcast, perhaps local early weak sun in north. Visibility good prior to rain, then dull or extensively murky.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	9C, rising marginally to 11C some western hills by afternoon. Above summits	5 to 9C, coolest if in fog. Above summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 15 May, 2022**

South to southwesterly winds will prevail into early next week, bringing some spells of rain or showers, including a risk of thundery bursts in places. Wind speeds varied, sometimes reaching gale force on the tops. Rain and low cloud becoming focused on western mountains in Scotland as the week progresses, with generally westerly winds from midweek, feeling quite cool on the mountains. Higher pressure building across England and Wales should bring fewer showers and some warmer, sunnier periods. High pressure may then expand further north over Britain into next weekend.

Forecast issued at 16:35 on Friday, 13 May, 2022

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