

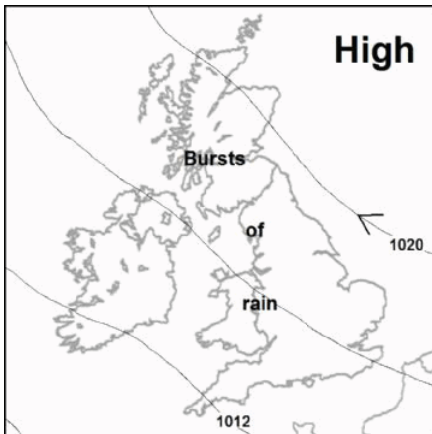
West Highlands

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 Sunday, 15 May, 2022



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 May, 2022

Showery bursts of rain will drift gradually northwards over Britain - very hit and miss in nature, some places seeing rain for an hour or more, other areas staying dry. Northern Scotland escaping driest for longest. Gusty southeasterly winds, tending to strengthen across the Highlands through the day. Fairly warm, quite humid.

Headline for West Highlands

Risk of showery rain later. Gusty wind developing.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 15 May, 2022

How windy? (On the Munros)	East or southeasterly, 5 to 15mph, increasing toward 25-30mph afternoon into evening, soonest southern areas.
Effect of wind on you?	Starting small, but from the south becoming blustery and very gusty around some tops and passes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk of showers mainly afternoon onward Light afternoon showers may turn more persistent across southern areas, later drifting gradually northwards into evening, locally giving rain for an hour or more, some showery bursts mixed in.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly clear, forming around rain Local pockets of mist some glens or lower slopes early morning, soon dispersing. Summits often free of cloud, but later during and after rain, fog may form on higher slopes for a few hours, focused on southern areas.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine, sometimes weak due to high cloud. Good visibility but slight haze, becoming mistier around rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	9C, rising marginally to 11C some western hills by afternoon.
Freezing Level	Above summits

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 16 May	Tuesday 17 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	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.	South to southeasterly 25 to 40mph, risk 50mph and stronger gusts at times, mainly coastal mountains around Mull. Considerable buffeting on many mountains, but arduous conditions on coastal summits, very gusty in places.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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.	Showery rain Timing uncertain, but expect rain from time to time, perhaps becoming frequent over a few hours, some showery bursts mixed in. May clear to just scattered showers later in the day.
Cloud on the hills?	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.	Covering tops for periods Banks of cloud forming widely over the tops around rain, most persistent coastal areas and Loch Lomond NP. Breaks more common above 900m Ben Nevis range. Cloud may lift and break in afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50% dropping to 20%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly overcast, perhaps local early weak sun in north. Visibility good prior to rain, then dull or extensively murky.	Glimpses of sun, mainly northern Lochaber. Visibility often good, but reduced around rain, quite hazy near coasts.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5 to 9C, coolest if in fog. Above summits	5 to 7C Above summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 16 May, 2022**

South to southwesterly winds will prevail early in the new 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.

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