

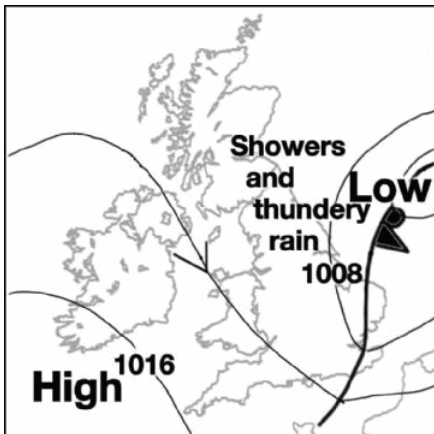
West Highlands

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 Tuesday, 16 July, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 July, 2024

Areas of thundery rain, concentrated over central and eastern Britain, together with areas of low cloud. Some uncertainty as to the western limit of the rain, but overall western mountains will have only a few showers - with the trend for the improved conditions to extend slowly east through the day.

Headline for West Highlands

Extensively dry; very clear air - although fog hills near coast.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 16 July, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Very little wind from dawn. Through morning becoming westerly 10mph, and 15mph afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no rain for most areas; threat heavy rain well inland Isolated brief showers, although risk in morning on central highlands of patches of showery rain, perhaps heavy in some areas (though moving away east).
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Very varied: Hills covered near the coast; mostly cloud free well inland. Persistent fog within 5 or 10 miles of the general lie of the coast, the cloud base 300-500m - lowest morning near the coast. Some higher tops above the cloud. Further inland - Nevis range. near Glencoe, Loch Awe and Clyde sea lochs: cloud base varied, typically 900m; toward central highlands, summits often cloud free. 20% near the coast, to 80% central highlands.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of sunshine although little sun near the coast. Excellent or superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5 to 7C near the west, and also north coast (where it will feel around freezing in the wind). Warmest central highlands where 9C in afternoon. Above the summits.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 17 July	Thursday 18 July
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly 15 to 20mph, possibly a touch less well inland. May reach 30mph Mull by evening. Mostly small.	Southwesterly 20 to 25mph. Will tend to drop, perhaps later markedly well inland. Mostly fairly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no rain Risk of scattered 'passing' showers and of rain more frequent close to the coast evening onwards.	Rain on and off, may largely clear Rain on and off, most frequent Loch Lomond NP and west from summits near Loch and Glen Etive and west of Loch Linnhe. May well largely fizzle out during afternoon (timing as yet uncertain).
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Summits extensively cloud free. Patchy cloud in the morning will mostly all clear, only leaving the odd patch above 800 or 900m west of Loch Lomond, near Loch Awe and west of Loch Linnhe. Fog likely on the west coast in the morning. Becoming 80%	Extensive western/southern hills. Loch Lomond NP and west from summits near Loch and Glen Etive and west of Loch Linnhe: Hills persistently foggy morning, although perhaps a rise in cloud base middle of day or afternoon. Elsewhere: Cloud occasionally below 700m, but most cloud above 1000m. 70%, but 10% Loch Lomond NP and western hills elsewhere
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Widespread weak sunshine in the morning fading as high-level cloud thickens through the afternoon. Excellent visibility inland but hazy out to sea.	Generally dull and in some areas misty. The sun may break through here and there. Inland away from rain, visibility often excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	8C around midday. A couple of degrees warmer by early evening. Above the summits.	8 to 10C, coldest near coast Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 17 July, 2024

Winds generally coming in off the Atlantic will bring rain from time to time, and fairly extensive low cloud, at least to western mountains. A trend will be toward the wettest conditions being toward the north, as pressure rises across southern Britain. After warm air until Friday focussed on the Pennines and east Wales, lower mountain temperatures will return to the whole of the UK.

Forecast issued at 15:30 on Monday, 15 July, 2024

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