

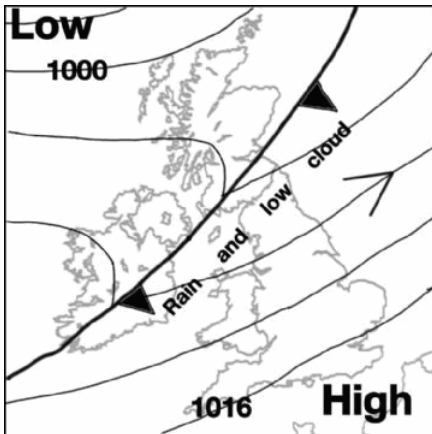
West Highlands

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 Thursday, 15 August, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 August, 2024

An active front will bring a broad zone of gale or near gale force upland winds, rain and low cloud southwards, although toward the Peak District and south and east Wales, the deterioration will be gradual. Will improve from NW across Scotland, but precise time uncertain.

Headline for West Highlands

Upland gales, rain and low cloud; improving markedly later in day.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 15 August, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly; 40 to on higher tops 50mph. From west midday or into the afternoon, a lull, then 20 to on higher tops 25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous conditions: considerable buffeting (even on some lower slopes) and significant wind chill. Will ease markedly afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain, later clearing to a few showers Extensive rain until into the afternoon. Very likely clearing to the odd shower by mid afternoon (small risk an hour or twoe later). Burns rising to be in spate especially Loch Lomond NP west to Mull; very wet underfoot.
Cloud on the hills?	Mountains foggy; clearing to higher slopes later in day. Fog across the hills morning; cloud base below 400m although in Lochaber east of Loch Linnhe, mostly 600 to 900m.. Into the afternoon, possibly late afternoon, improving markedly as cloud base rises to 750-1000m, perhaps above 1100m central highlands.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Less than 10%; rising to 50% through afternoon.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun breaking through later afternoon, most sun well inland. Widely misty or murky but later visibility good, although a haze, very haze near the coast.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 to 8C, warmest well inland. Feeling much colder than freezing point directly in the wind until well into the afternoon.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 16 August	Saturday 17 August
<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Southwesterly 30 to 40mph, in places 45mph. Gusty on ridges and western slopes.</p> <p>Considerable buffeting, stronger gusts may knock you off your feet. Significant wind chill.</p>	<p>Southwesterly, around 20mph, on highest tops (Ben Nevis range, Ben Alder) 30mph.</p> <p>Noticeable, blustery on tops, impeding comfortable walking and slightly affecting stability.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Light showers here and there</p> <p>Drizzly showers, toward the evening becoming more persistent. Chance for a dry day Loch Lomond NP. Into the night rain spreading across most hills.</p>	<p>Often little or dry, local drizzle near coast</p> <p>Pockets of fine drizzle along the hills near the coast, but other than that dry, especially toward Rannoch Moor and Creag Meagaidh.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Hills likely covered</p> <p>Low clouds on most hills near the west coast, particularly Mull and Lochaber often extensive above 600m. Breaks in Loch Lomond NP. Toward the evening most hills becoming covered by the clouds from the west.</p> <p>30%</p>	<p>Hills partly clearing</p> <p>Hills mostly covered in the beginning, later rising above most hills, perhaps longer staying on those higher than 1100m.</p> <p>40%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Little sunshine by the coast, glimpses of sun toward Loch Lomond NP in the morning.</p> <p>Moderate visibility, poor near the coast.</p>	<p>Mostly cloudy, a few shafts of sun coming through. Best toward the east.</p> <p>Hazy particularly in the morning.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>6 to 8C, feeling like below -5C in wind.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>	<p>6 to 9C, warmest east</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 16 August, 2024

A long run of frequently strong winds (particularly across Scotland) high rainfall and extensive low cloud (focussed on western mountains). There may be one or two drier much less windy periods across Wales and southern Pennines as pressure rises over a few days just to the south of Britain.

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