

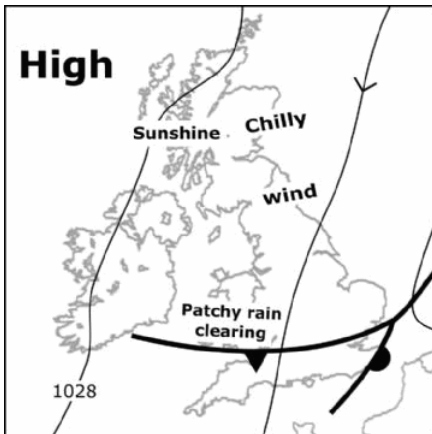
West Highlands

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, 23 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 April, 2024

A cold northerly breeze - notable chill factor on the tops, particularly eastern areas. Feeling pleasant where sheltered in the sunshine, especially by afternoon, best in western Scotland. Most places dry all day, low risk of a brief light shower or flurry. Early showers clearing south across Wales.

Headline for West Highlands

Bright sunshine, chilly especially morning, warmer afternoon.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 23 April, 2024

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| How windy? (On the Munros) | North to northeasterly, 15 to 25mph, occasionally 30mph high tops mainly in Ben Nevis range. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Considerable wind chill over higher terrain, but offset by strong sunshine. Locally blustery around some tops, may start to affect balance on ridges. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Precipitation not expected |
| Cloud on the hills? | Little if any Rare fragments some higher slopes in the morning, mainly Ben Nevis to Creag Meagaidh area. Soon clearing with most mountains clear all day. |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | Above 90% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Mostly sunny, a little thin fair-weather cloud inland into afternoon; beware sunburn. Visibility excellent. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | -1C to +3 to 5C, coldest inland Lochaber at first, warmest toward Kintyre afternoon. Wind chill feeling close to -10C on highest tops if in stronger winds in morning, still sub-zero in afternoon. |
| Freezing Level | 1000m or locally nearer 800m Ben Nevis to Creag Meagaidh early in day. Frost in sheltered glens at first. Lifting toward or above most summits afternoon. |

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

| | Wednesday 24 April | Thursday 25 April |
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| How windy? (On the Munros) | North to northeasterly 15 to 20mph, occasionally 25mph some higher tops. | Northerly or variable 10 to 20mph. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Mostly small effect on walking. Feeling chilly in the wind, but pleasant where sheltered in the sun. | Small effect on walking, but still a noticeable chill where exposed on hills. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Rare showers Chance of a brief flurry of soft hail or snow, mainly in the afternoon. | Showers developing A scattering of showers forming mostly into afternoon, with hail, plus snow flurries at times falling to mid-heights. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Mostly little Brief patches on some higher slopes in the morning. Cloud above most or all tops by afternoon. | Occasionally on higher areas Patches of cloud forming over some slopes in the morning, bases lifting toward the summits and many mountains will clear. Local fragments returning around showers. |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | 80% | 70% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Broken cloud and sun. Visibility excellent. | Variable cloud and sun, best in morning. Visibility excellent. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | -2C to 0C, rising to +2 or 3C. Wind chill feels like -5C to locally -10C in morning on some tops. | -2C rising to +1C, locally 3C in south. Wind chill feeling like -3 to -8C, coldest in morning. |
| Freezing Level | 700 to 900m, lowest inland in morning, plus frost in sheltered glens at first. Rising toward 1200m by afternoon. | 700m inland plus frost in glens at first, nearer 1000m toward coast; rising to 1000-1200m into afternoon. |

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 24 April, 2024**

Northerly breezes continue into midweek, feeling distinctly chilly over higher terrain - temperatures will fluctuate from below freezing in the morning, to a few degrees above into the afternoon for a few days - coldest toward the east and northeast. Sunny spells with excellent visibility, mixed with scattered brief showers or snow flurries. Lowering pressure Thursday into Friday, turning more widely showery again with hail and snow on some hills, but winds fairly light. A risk of a rain system spiraling across Britain over the weekend, upland snow for a time, accompanied by stronger east to southeasterly winds.

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