

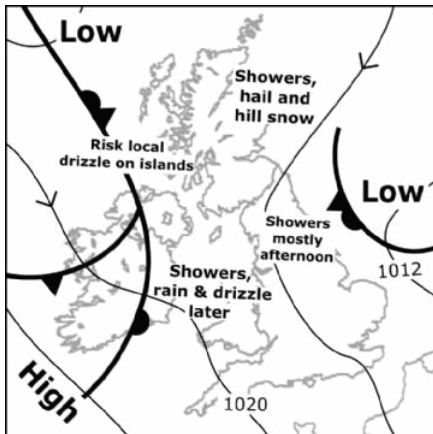
West Highlands

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 Wednesday, 17 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 April, 2024

Chilly northerly winds, tending to ease across the Highlands. Staying near or below freezing over higher tops. A scattering of hail and hill snow showers, focused over eastern Scotland, also Pennine areas by afternoon. Western Scotland mostly dry. Early showers for Wales turns into steadier rain in the west here by afternoon.

Headline for West Highlands

Wind dropping lighter. Mostly dry, rare snow or hail.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 17 April, 2024

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Northwesterly 15 to 25mph in the morning, likely to drop to 10mph or less into the afternoon.</p> <p>Speeds starting to increase again onward well into the night.</p> <p>Marked wind chill early in the day, becoming small.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Mostly dry, isolated showers</p> <p>Much of the region often dry all day. Rare brief showers with soft hail, and snow flurries on higher slopes, mostly Lochaber.</p> <p>Chance of steadier drizzly rain grazing the islands for a time, but not extending inland.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Breaks to many tops</p> <p>Patchy cloud on higher slopes in the morning, mostly lifting toward or above many tops, best breaks across Loch Lomond NP.</p> <p>70%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Some sunshine, but fairly weak at times due to high cloud.</p> <p>Visibility mostly excellent.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>-2C rising to +1C locally +3C afternoon.</p> <p>Wind chill feeling like -10C early in the day.</p> <p>600-700m plus frost inland glens at first. Rising to 1000m afternoon, nearer 1200m inland. Slightly lower by dusk.</p>

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 18 April	Friday 19 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly, strengthening during morning 30 to 50mph, risk 60mph highest tops in Ben Nevis range afternoon. Deteriorating quickly to make walking arduous or increasingly difficult on higher terrain. Significant wind chill.	Northwesterly 25 to 35mph, tending to ease slightly during day. Considerable wind chill and blustery, lessening a little.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain setting in Drizzly rain and snow flurries on higher tops at first. Becoming persistent steady rain, heavier near/west of Loch Linnhe in afternoon. From dusk, showers with snow high tops.	Local showers Isolated snow or hail showers, mainly Lochaber or well inland elsewhere.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Becoming extensive Banks of cloud over some slopes from dawn, filling in and lowering extensively, shrouding hills to lower slopes near coast and islands. Highest bases well inland. 20%	Mostly clearing Banks of cloud on some higher slopes in the morning, but lifting toward or above most summits. 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally overcast, soon dull and murky in west. Visibility becoming widely poor across the mountains.	Broken cloud and sun. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	1 to 3C. Wind chill feeling like -10C or colder as speeds strengthen. 1000m early morning, lifting above freezing to highest tops until after dark, but then dropping back toward 900m.	-1 to +2C. Wind chill feeling like -10C or below in strongest wind in morning. 800 to 1000m in morning, rising to 1000 to 1200m in afternoon; lowest in Lochaber.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 18 April, 2024

Briefly just above freezing to highest Scottish tops on Thursday daytime. A period of rain and drizzle preceded by snow on tops coming in from the west, wettest over western Scotland. By Thursday night, dropping back to freezing to 800m from the north. Staying near freezing over high tops into Friday with a scattering of brief hail showers on brisk northwesterly winds. A fine and milder weekend for many as high pressure builds. W-SW'ly breezes in northern Scotland with patchy rain in the northwest. High pressure stays nearby into next week, but cool northeasterly breezes are likely - near or below freezing on tops with overnight frost into glens. Sunny spells and scattered showers with hail and snow.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Tuesday, 16 April, 2024

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