

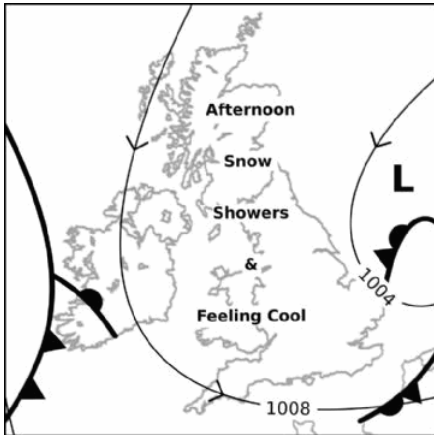
West Highlands

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, 25 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 25 April, 2024

Cold day across the UK with many areas having northerly winds. Increasing risk of showers in the afternoon in all areas, falling as snow or hail on high ground. Many summits clear or soon clear except for fragments of cloud forming during showers, particularly in the afternoon.

Headline for West Highlands

Afternoon snow showers on high ground

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 25 April, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly or variable 10 to 20mph. ending to ease a little in the afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Small effect on walking, but still a noticeable chill where exposed on hills.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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?	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?	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Variable cloud and sun, best in morning. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C rising to +1C, locally 3C in south. Wind chill feeling like -3 to -8C, coldest in morning.
Freezing Level	700m inland plus frost in glens at first, nearer 1000m toward coast; rising to 1000-1200m into afternoon.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 26 April	Saturday 27 April
How windy? (On the Munros)	Light winds, likely northeasterly but may be variable in direction.	Light winds with variable direction.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible.	Negligible.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk of showers Occasional showers, getting more frequent for a time in the afternoon. Will fall as sleet snow or hail on high ground.	Afternoon showers becoming widespread Mostly dry morning with the odd shower possible. Showers building and becoming widespread in the afternoon, possibly becoming heavy well inland. Will fall as sleet or snow on high ground.
Cloud on the hills?	Lifting above most tops Patches of cloud on higher slopes, especially during and after showers. Base rising towards or above highest tops.	Morning cloud breaking. Patchy in afternoon. Many summits shrouded in the morning, especially well inland. Mostly breaking up by late morning. Patchy cloud re-forming in the afternoon, especially during and after showers.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Widespread sunshine near coast in morning will become more patchy in the afternoon. Overcast inland. Excellent visibility.	Weak sunshine though high-level cloud in the morning, especially Lochaber. Becoming brighter but more patchy in afternoon as shower clouds form. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C in morning rising to around 2 to 3C late afternoon.	-1C in the morning. Rising to 2C by the afternoon.
Freezing Level	600 to 800m in morning rising to 1000 to 1200m mid-afternoon onwards. Frost many glens at dawn.	800m in the morning, rising to 1100m by evening, 1200m well inland near Creag Meagaidh.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 26 April, 2024**

Remaining cold, especially northern England and Scotland. Initially winds remaining light but showers increasingly likely, falling as snow or hail on high ground. Small but active low bringing wind and precipitation to England and Wales on Sunday. Remaining showery and on-and-off cold into the early part of next week.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Wednesday, 24 April, 2024

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