

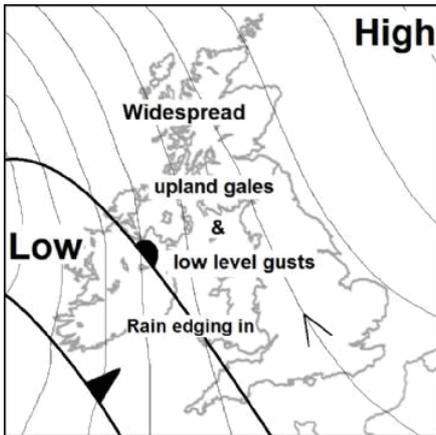
West Highlands

Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area include Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, includes Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Includes Arran and Mull.



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General Summary for Monday, 15 April, 2019



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 April, 2019

Gale force southeasterly winds across all regions, giving significant wind chill across the hills. Powerful gusts to lower slopes. Most places dry and cloud above hills. Local showers and possible low cloud SE Scotland. Patchy rain also encroaching into Wales from southwest.

Headline for West Highlands

Cold, severe upland gales; very gusty. Dry, hills largely clear.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 15 April, 2019

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly 40 to 50mph, strongest near/northwest of major summits, locally 55-60mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking difficult on many higher areas. Sudden strong gusts some lower slopes, mainly NW of major ridges and summits. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation very unlikely Chance of one or two brief showers central highlands, giving snow or hail flurries above 500 to 700m.
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any Most summits cloud free. Risk for a few hours in morning of patches above 800 to 1000m central highlands and Loch Lomond NP.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%, or 90% Lochaber & west.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Areas of sunshine although particularly central highlands and Loch Lomond NP, cloud will sometimes be extensive. Very good or excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3C rising to 2C. Where directly exposed to wind, feeling like -15C or at times -20C.
Freezing Level	600m post dawn; rising to 1050m by mid afternoon. Frost many valleys after dawn.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 16 April	Wednesday 17 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southeasterly 25 to 35mph, perhaps 40mph early in day; gusty near/west of major summits. Walking arduous on many higher areas. Sudden gusts lower slopes near/west of major ridges. Significant wind chill.	Southeasterly, 15 to 25mph. Fairly small, but locally gusty to lower slopes. Chilly in exposure.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk of rain, may persist locally Detail uncertain: A front edging into the Highlands from the west may bring rain or drizzle on and off (snow or sleet above 750-900m), perhaps locally persistent near coast, mainly near Clyde sea lochs.	Rain unlikely Rare residual patchy rain or drizzle, but fading.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Fairly extensive, lowest south Fog may well have enveloped the hills widely, lowest near the coast and across Loch Lomond NP. Northwards across Rannoch Moor and north of Glen Spean, most cloud above 900-1000m. 20% south, to 50% north.	Mostly breaking up Banks of cloud may cover some slopes from dawn, focused around Loch Lomond and central highlands where may be slow to lift. Otherwise most hills generally clear or clearing. 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine not expected. Persistent haze; visibility deteriorating further in precipitation.	Sunshine may be weak at times due to high level cloud. Visibility good, but very hazy, particularly toward central lowlands.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	Between 0 and 3C, highest near west coast. Will vary between 900 and 1100m, although toward and north of Glen Spean, mostly above 1050m.	0C rising to 3C, locally higher afternoon. Starting around 900-1000m in places, but lifting above all summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 16 April, 2019**

High pressure stays positioned to the east, and a general southeasterly flow will prevail toward the Easter period. Temperatures will tend to rise through the week ahead. Substantially dry conditions, although on Tuesday a little rain or sleet is possible. Some low cloud, focused on eastern hills. Winds often brisk, in places gusty to lower slopes. The ground very dry underfoot - beware of grass fires. Snow patches on higher tops, mainly Lakes and Scottish Highlands.

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