

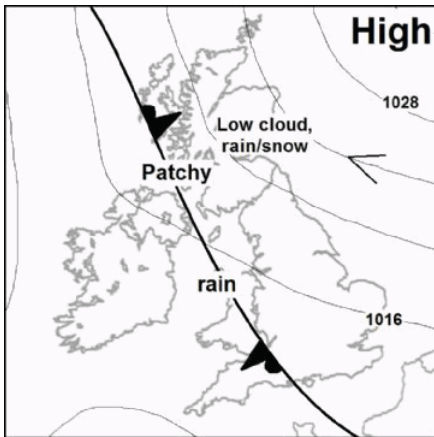
# West Highlands

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 Tuesday, 16 April, 2019



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 16 April, 2019

A slow-moving front draped across western Britain brings a zone of patchy rain and drizzle, which locally may persist over many hours. Low cloud affects most hills, but good breaks in N Scotland, also Pennines. Brisk winds, feeling cold where exposed.

### Headline for West Highlands

Chilly, windy. Sporadic rain/snow, locally persistent. Low cloud.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 16 April, 2019

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southeasterly 25 to 35mph, or 40mph early in day; gusty near/west of major summits.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking impeded, locally arduous on higher areas. Sudden gusts lower slopes near/west of major ridges. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Rain on and off, may persist locally; least toward Glen Spean.</b> Some uncertainty: A front edging into the Highlands from the west brings rain or drizzle on and off (snow or sleet above 750-900m), perhaps locally persistent near coast, mainly near Clyde sea lochs. Steadier rain (snow high tops) may also affect the central highlands around early afternoon. Amounting to very little toward northern Lochaber.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Fairly extensive, lowest south</b> Fog likely to 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.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20% south, to 50% north.</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Sunshine not expected. Persistent haze; visibility deteriorating further in precipitation.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	Between 0 and 3C, highest near west coast. In the wind, feeling close to -12C, or colder at first.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Will vary between 900 and 1100m, although toward and north of Glen Spean, mostly above 1050m.

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 17 April	Thursday 18 April
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southeasterly, 15 to 25mph, at times 30mph Loch Lomond NP & Arran.  <b>Fairly small, but may impede walking locally; gusty to lower slopes. Chilly in exposure.</b>	East to southeasterly, 20 to 30mph, in places risk 35-40mph near/west of major summits/ridges.  <b>Varied; local considerable buffeting, very gusty through passes, cols and to some lower slopes.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain unlikely</b> Rare residual patchy rain or drizzle, but fading.	<b>Rain not expected</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Mostly breaking up</b>  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.  <b>60%</b>	<b>Very little if any</b>  Banks of cloud may cover some slopes in Loch Lomond NP & central Highlands for a few hours from dawn (higher tops above cloud), but likely to all break up.  <b>80%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine may be weak at times due to high level cloud. Visibility good, but very hazy, particularly toward central lowlands.	Generally sunny. Visibility good, but a haze, particularly toward the central belt.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	0C rising to 3C, locally higher afternoon.  Starting around 900-1000m in places, but lifting above all summits.	5C rising to 7C or locally higher near west coast.  Above the summits.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 17 April, 2019**

High pressure stays positioned to the east, and a warmer southeasterly flow prevails toward the Easter period. Temperatures rising day-on-day and it will be dry into the first part of the long weekend at least. Some low cloud, focused on eastern hills. Gusty winds at times to lower slopes, but likely dropping lighter for a day or two. By Sunday into Monday, fronts may approach from the Atlantic as winds turn southwesterly, with indications looking more unsettled next week. The ground very dry underfoot - beware of grass fires. Snow patches on higher tops, mainly Lakes and Scottish Highlands.

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