

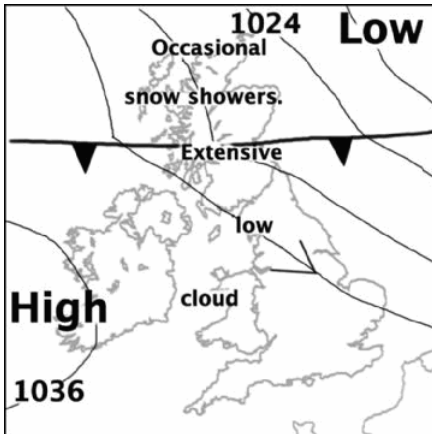
# West Highlands

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 Friday, 21 April, 2017



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 21 April, 2017**

Upland gales or near gales as a southward moving front approaches. Fog extensive many western mountains, and some rain (snow higher tops), mainly near the front. Total rainfall small. South Wales dry with light wind. Turning cold Scottish Highlands with snow showers.

### Headline for West Highlands

Upland gales easing afternoon. Temperature dropping: snow showers.

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 21 April, 2017

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	West to northwesterly 40 to 45mph, easing from north to 25mph middle of day. On Arran 35mph, easing 20-25mph later afternoon.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Considerable buffeting and wind chill, particularly near showers.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Rain temporarily; snow higher tops.</b> Rain for 2 to 4 hours morning, finishing as snow above 800m. Will clear southwards. May not clear Loch Lomond NP until into afternoon or Arran later afternoon, although in these areas total rainfall small. Occasional snow showers will follow.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive morning; mostly clearing from north afternoon</b> Cloud base widely 400 to 600m morning, lowest western hills. Will lift and break to 1000 to 1200m from the north, although not until into the afternoon near Central Belt, or later afternoon Arran. Summits near Loch Linnhe least likely to clear.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20% rising from north to 70% from middle of day</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Bright sun intermittently afternoon. From north middle of day, frequently excellent visibility, but temporarily very poor in cloud and precipitation.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	2C, dropping to 0C from north later morning onwards.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	1050m dropping to 850m afternoon.

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	<b>Saturday 22 April</b>	<b>Sunday 23 April</b>
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Northwest backing westerly between 10 and 20mph, least wind afternoon and evening.  <b>Small</b>	Westerly in the range 35 to 50mph.  <b>Considerable buffeting where exposed across the hills. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Hail and snow showers</b> Occasional brief snow and hail showers, by afternoon very few showers coastal summits. Mostly rain below 600m.	<b>Rain, constant for much of day</b> Rain, concentrated western mountains, particularly north from about Mull and Loch Etive, will rarely cease for much of the day. Intermittently snow higher tops. May change to showers evening; snow then penetrating to 500m.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Often clearing the summits</b>  Cloud will lower to about 600m briefly near showers, but otherwise, cloud base 1000 to 1200m. Most or all summits will clear intermittently. In the evening risk cloud lowering onto coastal summits.	<b>Rarely if ever clearing higher areas</b>  Cloud will shroud the mountains all or nearly all day, from lower slopes up coastal areas, but mostly above 500 or 600m well inland. There may be intermittently improvements, with cloud breaking to higher slopes evening, as it turns showery.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Bursts of bright sunshine. Superb visibility.	Sunshine very unlikely. Fog across the mountains. Frequently hazy or misty below cloud.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	0C  900m. Frost some valleys at dawn.	-1 to 2C, generally warmest middle of day and into afternoon. There may be a sudden drop late in day.  800m to 1200m, lowest post dawn and may drop again abruptly late in day.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 22 April, 2017**

Over the weekend, a few snow and hail showers on Saturday before cloud shrouds western mountains on Sunday, when winds strengthen and rain (snow higher tops) spreads south across Scotland.

An abrupt change from Monday: Winds persistently northerly and intermittently near gale force will bring markedly low freezing levels. Snow and hail showers (sometimes very frequent or almost constant snow for a few hours particularly N Scotland) - even on some lower slopes as summit temperatures drop lower than at any time this winter.

**Forecast issued at 7:19 on Friday, 21 April, 2017**

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