

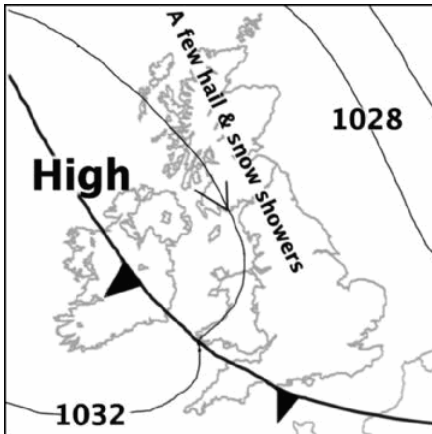
# West Highlands

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 Saturday, 22 April, 2017



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 22 April, 2017**

Fairly light wind and just a few showers as a ridge of high pressure moves in from the west. Higher summits in Scotland will remain below freezing point and here showers of hail and snow. Across Britain the air will be very clear and most cloud will be above higher summits.

### Headline for West Highlands

Fairly light wind. A few hail/snow showers. Very clear air.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 22 April, 2017

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Northwest backing westerly between 15 and 20mph. From Mull to Arran 10 to 15mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Small</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>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Often clearing the summits</b> Cloud will lower to about 600m briefly near showers. Otherwise, cloud base 1000 to 1300m, allowing summits to clear intermittently.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>40% near Loch Linnhe to by midday almost certain Loch Lomond NP</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Bursts of bright sunshine. Superb visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	0 or 1C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	900m; rising to 1050m, Loch Lomond NP and Central Highlands. Frost some valleys at dawn.

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 23 April	Monday 24 April
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Westerly, progressively strengthening from 20-25mph to by late afternoon 35 to 45mph. <b>Considerable buffeting will develop where exposed across the hills.</b> <b>Significant wind chill.</b>	Wind may vary considerably and abruptly: northwesterly, up to 60mph for periods, but there may be a lull toward 20mph. <b>Anticipate very difficult walking and severe wind chill. On higher areas, general mobility may suddenly become difficult.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Rain, mainly afternoon western tops</b> Rain occasionally morning, mainly near and west of Loch Linnhe. Will gradually become more widespread in afternoon and a few patches will develop toward central highlands, Loch Lomond NP and Arran.	<b>Frequent hail &amp; snow. Risk lightning.</b> Ranging from sudden heavy but fairly brief hail and snow showers with risk thunder to an hour or two of almost constant sometimes heavy snow, giving whiteout.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Rarely if ever clearing higher areas</b>  Cloud will shroud the mountains much of the day, highest base morning: A few breaks to or above higher tops morning, but from afternoon forming lower slopes up coastal areas, and increasingly above 500 or 600m well inland.	<b>Occasionally extensive</b>  Sometimes the summits nearly all cloud free. But expect sudden changes; near showers cloud temporarily below 600m, and sometimes constant cloud above about 500m for an hour or two.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Occasional sunshine mainly eastern valleys morning. Fog across the mountains most of the day. Increasingly hazy or misty below cloud.	Bursts of sunshine and sometimes excellent visibility. But periods of dense fog on the hills, giving near zero visibility in snow/blowing snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	-1 rising to 2C.  800m rising to 1200m.	Varying between -2 and -5C.  Varying between temporarily 300m to most often 500 to 700m.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 23 April, 2017**

An abrupt change on Monday as very cold air spreads southwards. Until Thursday, winds persistently northerly, intermittently near gale force, will bring very 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 as low as, if not lower than at any time this winter.

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