

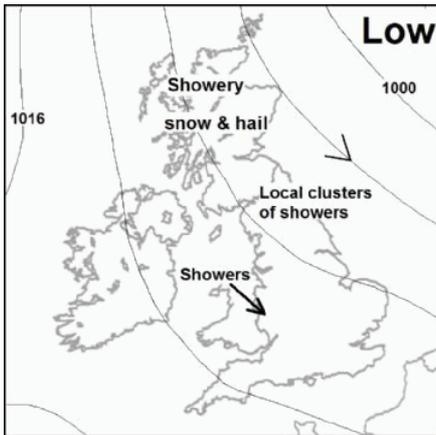
# West Highlands

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 Wednesday, 5 May, 2021



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 5 May, 2021

Another very cold day for May; higher mountains sub-zero, some rise of freezing level through the day. Showers with hail or snow, to lower slopes in the Highlands, locally frequent, heavy with isolated thunder. A brisk northwesterly breeze, feeling bitter where exposed.

### Headline for West Highlands

Cold. Hail and snow showers, chance of thunder.

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 5 May, 2021

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Northwesterly, typically 20mph, but gusty near precipitation.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Noticeable gusts near showers. Feeling distinctly cold for May where exposed on tops.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Hail and snow showers, some heavy</b> Hail and snow showers throughout the day near the coast; otherwise mostly afternoon inland, in places frequent precipitation for an hour or more. Local heavy bursts, risk thunder. Lying snow on many higher slopes. Icy in places.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Breaks to higher tops away from showers</b> Cloud most frequent on coastal hills, where patches above 500m, and fairly frequently above 800m, although breaks to higher tops. Inland summits more often cloud free, but near precipitation cloud forming 600m upwards.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>40% coasts, 60% inland.</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, mainly morning. Frequently excellent or superb visibility but abruptly very poor in snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-5C; rising marginally during the day, particularly well inland, to -1C southern areas. Wind chill feels as cold as -15C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Most terrain at least partly frozen at dawn. By early afternoon freezing level typically 600 to 800m, lowest near the coast.

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 6 May	Friday 7 May
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	North or northwesterly 20mph to locally 30mph, strongest west coast, risk 35-40mph Mull & Arran for a time. <b>Remaining notably chilly where exposed on higher terrain, local sudden gusts around showers.</b>	Northerly or variable, 10 to 15mph or at times less. <b>Mostly small, but still a notable chill on higher slopes.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Risk hail and snow setting in for a time</b> Varied conditions through day - local clusters of showers may give frequent snow or hail for an hour or more, but also periods where generally dry for several hours. Chance isolated thunder.	<b>Scattered hail and snow showers</b> A few hail or snow showers, mainly near west coast in morning, then focused well inland by afternoon. Becoming mostly rain lower slopes.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Breaks away from showers</b>  Mostly confined to higher slopes, with breaks to many summits away from showers. Patches below 700m where precipitation is frequent.	<b>Mostly very little</b>  Occasional patches capping higher slopes around showers.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun. The air very clear, but visibility very poor periodically in showers.	Occasional sun, mostly inland in morning, then near west coast in afternoon. The air very clear indeed, but very poor visibility around showers.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b> <b>Freezing Level</b>	-2C, rising toward 0 or 1C inland by afternoon.  Frost widely from dawn away from coasts. Rising to 900 to 1000m.	-2C rising to 1 or 2C by afternoon, highest well inland and south.  Frost at most elevations at dawn. Rising to 1000-1100m by middle of day.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 6 May, 2021**

Unusually cold weather for early May is expected to continue into next week, particularly in Scotland, whilst some milder air is likely to move across England & Wales from the south during the weekend. Higher Scottish mountains persistently sub-zero; the freezing level sometimes widely below 900m, plus frequent frosts on lower terrain overnight.

Areas of hail and snow showers, some heavy with thunder, most widespread in the afternoons.

Another deep Atlantic low is due to move in from the southwest by Saturday - a threat of widespread upland gales, heavy rain, and further snow some areas. Chilly and showery northwesterlies are then likely to resume for a few days.

**Forecast issued at 16:30 on Tuesday, 4 May, 2021**

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