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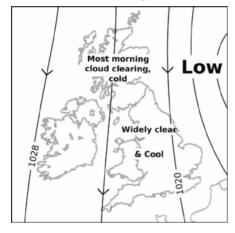
West Highlands

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



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General Summary for Wednesday, 24 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 24 April, 2024

Widely dry but cold. Occasional snow flurries or hail on high ground. Highlands: widespread cloud layer on upper slopes at first, highest summits may be above this. Lifting and clearing away from the west coast. Elsewhere: odd patch of cloud but most summits will be cloud free all day.

Headline for West Highlands

Feeling cold. Extensive cloud, lifting and breaking inland.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 24 April, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	North to northwesterly 15 to 20mph, occasionally 25mph some higher tops.		
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small effect on walking. Feeling chilly in the wind, but pleasant where sheltered in the sun.		
How wet?	Rare showers		
(Precipitation and its impact)	Chance of a brief flurry of soft hail or snow, mainly in the afternoon.		
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly little		
	Brief patches on some higher slopes in the morning, particularly Ben Nevis to Creag Meagaidh. Cloud above most or all tops by afternoon.		
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below	Broken cloud and sun. Visibility excellent.		
cloud)			
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C to 0C, rising to +2 or 3C. Wind chill feels like -5C to locally -10C in morning on some tops.		
Freezing Level	700 to 900m, lowest inland in morning, plus frost in sheltered glens at first. Rising toward 1200m by afternoon.		

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West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 25 April	Friday 26 April
How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly or variable 10 to 20mph.	Light winds, likely northeasterly but may be variable in direction.
Effect of wind on you?	Small effect on walking, but still a noticeable chill where exposed on hills.	Negligible.
How wet?	Showers developing	Risk of showers
(Precipitation and its impact)	A scattering of showers forming mostly into afternoon, with hail, plus snow flurries at times falling to mid-heights.	Showers developing, especially in the afternoon. Will fall as sleety snow or hail on high ground.
Cloud on the hills?	Occasionally on higher areas	Lifting above most tops
	Patches of cloud forming over some slopes in the morning, bases lifting toward the summits and many mountains will clear. Local fragments returning around showers.	Patches of cloud on higher slopes, especially during and after showers. Base rising towards or above highest tops.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Variable cloud and sun, best in morning. Visibility excellent.	Widespread sunshine near coast in morning will become more patchy in the afternoon. Overcast inland. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C rising to +1C, locally 3C in south. Wind chill feeling like -3 to -8C, coldest in morning.	-1C in morning rising to around 2 to 3C late afternoon.
Freezing Level	700m inland plus frost in glens at first, nearer 1000m toward coast; rising to 1000-1200m into afternoon.	600 to 800m in morning rising to 1200m mid-afternoon onwards. Frost many glens at dawn.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 25 April, 2024

Remaining cold, especially northern England and Scotland. Initially winds remaining light but showers becoming more likely, falling as snow on high ground. Small but active low bringing wind and precipitation to England and Wales on Saturday and across UK on Sunday. Remaining showery into the early part of next week.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Tuesday, 23 April, 2024

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