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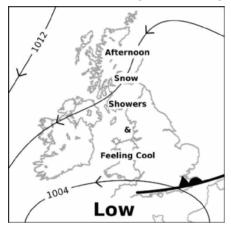
West Highlands

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 Friday, 26 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 26 April, 2024

Light winds but cool or cold feeling across the UK. Any morning cloud will break and lift above summits, but may temporarily re-form during any afternoon showers. Showers on high ground will fall as snow flurries or hail in many regions. Patchwork of sunshine.

Headline for West Highlands

Afternoon showers, falling as snow or hail on high ground

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 26 April, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Light winds up to 10 to 15mph, most often northeasterly but may be variable in direction at times. Mostly small	
Effect of wind on you?		
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, most frequent afternoon Occasional showers, getting more frequent for a time in the afternoon. Will fall as sleety snow or hail on high ground. Small risk of lightning well inland.	
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Lifting above most tops Patches of cloud on higher slopes, especially in the morning as well as during and after showers. Base rising towards or above highest tops. 70%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Widespread sunshine near coast in morning will become more patchy in the afternoon. Overcast inland. Excellent visibility.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C in morning rising to around 2 to 3C late afternoon. At times, feeling around -5C in the wind.	
Freezing Level	600 to 800m in morning, lowest well inland. Rising to 1000 to 1200m mid-afternoon onwards. Frost many glens at dawn.	

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West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 27 April	Sunday 28 April
How windy? (On the Munros)	Light winds with variable direction.	Details uncertain. Likely light winds with variable direction.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible.	Likely negligible.
How wet?	Afternoon showers becoming widespread	Occasional light snow/hail flurries
(Precipitation and its impact)	Mostly dry morning with the odd shower possible. Showers building and becoming widespread in the afternoon, possibly becoming heavy well inland. Will fall as sleet or snow on high ground.	Largely dry but light snow or hail flurries, especially near the coast. Total precipitation small.
Cloud on the hills?	Morning cloud breaking. Patchy in afternoon.	Morning cloud, breaking and lifting
	Some summits shrouded in the morning, especially well inland. Mostly breaking up by late morning. Patchy cloud re-forming in the afternoon, especially during and after showers.	Areas of widespread cloud shrouding higher slopes and summits in morning. Will lift and break through the day, clearing most summits. Largest breaks most likely Loch Lomond NP and Arran.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Weak sunshine though high-level cloud in the morning, especially Lochaber. Becoming brighter but more patchy in afternoon as shower clouds form. Excellent visibility.	Patchy sunshine developing. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C in the morning. Rising to 2C by the afternoon.	-1C in morning but soon rising to 2 to 4C. Warmest inland and on Arran.
Freezing Level	700 to 800m in the morning, rising to 1100m by evening, 1200m well inland near Creag Meagaidh.	900 to 1000m for much of the day. Will rise above summits in the afternoon, most notably in areas well inland.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 27 April, 2024

Cool and intermittently showery weather with mostly light winds over the weekend and the early part of next week. Small chance of a small region of low pressure bringing heavy rain on Sunday, but it is increasingly likely this will be over the North Sea. Indications of drier and slightly warmer weather from mid-week onwards.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Thursday, 25 April, 2024

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