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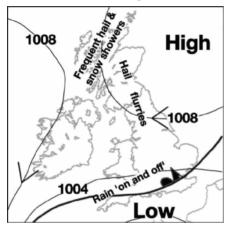
West Highlands

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 Saturday, 27 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 27 April, 2024

Continuing cold with higher areas below freezing point, particularly in the morning. Showers, mostly hail flurries developing, becoming frequent NW Scotland. Noticeable wind chill Wales. Very clear air.

Headline for West Highlands

Little wind. Hail and snow flurries, most frequent near and west of Loch Linnhe.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 27 April, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Light wind with variable direction.	
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible.	
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Hail and snow showers or flurries Scattered hail and snow flurries morning. Showers more widespread afternoon, particularly near and west of Loch Linnhe.	
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Summits extensively cloud free; may come and go on Mull. Generally only fragments of cloud shrouding higher slopes now and again, mainly in and after precipitation. Lower confidence on Mull, where threat of frequently shrouding slopes above 750m, possibly occasionally as low as 500m. 90%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of bright sunshine. Excellent or superb visibility.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C post dawn. Rising to 4C by afternoon (nearer 1C Mull).	
Freezing Level	Widely below freezing point from valleys up post dawn; but by mid or late morning, freezing level above the summits.	

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West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 28 April	Monday 29 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Light winds with variable direction much of day; later afternoon onwards northwesterly 10 to possibly 20mph central highlands. Mostly negligible.	South or perhaps southeasterly between 15 and 25mph - tending to strengthen slowly. Fairly small
How wet?	Occasional snow/hail flurries	Rain, mainly afternoon and evening
(Precipitation and its impact)	Largely dry but light snow or hail flurries, mainly afternoon. Total precipitation small.	Substantially dry morning, but gradually rain spreading north into the west Highlands, perhaps heavy in some areas. At present timing of the deterioration is uncertain.
Cloud on the hills?	Summits extensively cloud free	Extensive, particularly as rain becomes widespread
	Fragments of cloud some higher slopes until mid morning and rarely near precipitation.	Loch Lomond NP west to Mull, Jura and Arran: Fog on higher areas much of the day, often forming on lower slopes, particularly in rain. Elsewhere: Summits may well be free of cloud most of the day, but in rain areas above about 750m will become covered.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy bright sunshine although cloud filling in at times. Excellent or superb visibility.	Little or no sunshine. Excellent visibility before deteriorating to become poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C in morning but soon rising to 5C. Remaining at or just above freezing point coastal summits.	1C rising to 3 or 4C
Freezing Level	Widely near or below freezing point valleys up at dawn. By late morning above the summits, except very close to the coast.	1050m, gradually lifting above the summits from the south. Frost in many valleys at dawn.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 28 April, 2024

Less cold next week with freezing levels almost constantly above highest summits. Rain from time to time, particularly across Wales. Wind direction will be predominantly easterly. This will bring in frequent low cloud to more eastern mountains, with highest cloud base often near the west coast.

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