

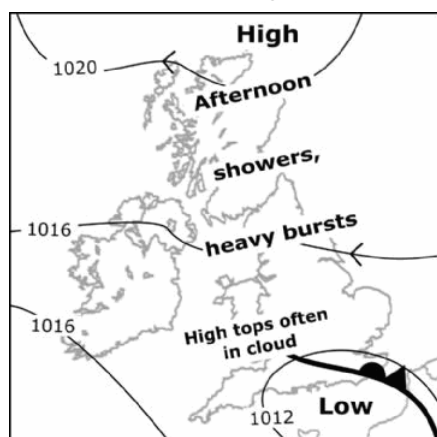
West Highlands

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, 23 April, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 April, 2025

Cloud on middle and upper slopes in Scotland lifts and clears the summits. Afternoon showers with heavy bursts will develop in central areas and slip west. Mostly clear hills in England with scattered showers developing in the afternoon. Mostly cloudy in Wales, cloud lifting above tops; easterly winds lessening.

Headline for West Highlands

Afternoon showers with risk of thunder. Cloud lifts above tops.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 23 April, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 10-15mph. A gusty 20mph Loch Lomond NP and Arran in the morning, easing through the day. Some gusts around afternoon showers.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small, but more blustery southern hills, feeling chilly in exposure.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Afternoon showers, briefly heavy with risk of thunder A cluster of showers develops through the afternoon around Glencoe and Lochaber. Expect brief heavy spells with risk of isolated thunder. Some scattered showers south towards Loch Lomond NP towards dusk.
Cloud on the hills?	Coastal mountains mostly clear. Bases to high terrain in showers. Patchy cloud on upper slopes near Craig Meagaidh and Ben Nevis at dawn, lifting to high tops with breaks by afternoon. Coastal mountains largely cloud free. Bases lower to high terrain where showers occur.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Frequent sunshine, cloud may fill in for a time especially inland. Becoming a patchwork in afternoon. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3 to 5C, warmest on coastal slopes. Warming slightly, reaching up to 7C Mull and Lochaber. Feeling sub-zero in the breeze.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 24 April	Friday 25 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southeasterly 10 to 20mph; may strengthen a little near coast and on islands. Fairly small	Southerly 25-30mph inland. Higher winds along the coast, up to 40mph on the islands and near Clyde sea lochs. Stability affected at times on exposed terrain. Strenuous walking with balance challenges near the coast. Feeling chilly.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain unlikely	Coastal rain spreads inland Patchy rain soon arrives on coastal mountains. Becoming more frequent into afternoon and spreading inland, heavy moments at times.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Mostly little Patches around some slopes in the morning, most likely toward central highlands, lifting to tops and dispersing. 80%	High terrain becoming shrouded Frequent low cloud soon sets in on islands and around Clyde sea lochs. Passing cloud caps at dawn around Rannoch Moor and Ben Nevis range increasing in frequency. Terrain above 1000m often shrouded through afternoon, breaks to tops at times. 60%, becoming 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny toward coast; fair-weather cloud building inland by afternoon. Visibility excellent.	Little or no sun. Visibility becoming mostly poor.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	2C rising to 6C, coolest inland in morning. Above the summits, but slight frost some sheltered higher and lower slopes at dawn.	4 or 5C along coastal slopes, slightly cooler inland. A slight rise during the day. Feeling like -5C in strongest wind. Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 24 April, 2025

A weakening front will slip across the British Isles into the weekend brining rain to most. However, a good amount of dry weather through late April and likely into early May. Isolated showers may form in afternoons, plus chance for an odd weak front to bring thicker cloud and some rain in from the west, most often in Scotland. Temperatures pleasant by day, tending to rise into the weekend and early next week, feeling warm in sunshine. Occasional frost overnight into glens where skies are extensively clear overnight.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Tuesday, 22 April, 2025

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