

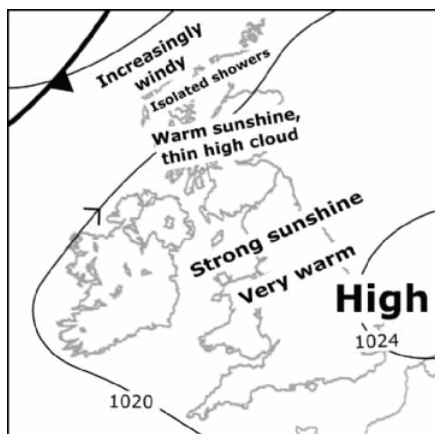
West Highlands

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, 30 April, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 30 April, 2025

Fine and warm, or very warm Wales and Pennines. Strong sunshine, some thin high cloud; beware sunburn and dehydration. Toward northwest Scotland, strengthening southwesterly winds, more cloud at times, one or two brief showers. Into night, some rain moves into Scotland from the west.

Headline for West Highlands

Patchy cloud clears, mostly sunny, warm. Becoming breezier.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 30 April, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 15 to 25mph, strongest Ben Nevis group and out to Mull, may reach 30mph on some high tops by afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small especially southern areas. On tops in Lochaber may start to feel noticeable and affect balance on ridges.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no rain during day Small risk a shower early morning north from Mull. Late evening into night, increasingly risk of rain associated with a front moving in from west, some heavier bursts possible locally overnight.
Cloud on the hills?	Early patches clearing; lowering into night Patches early morning on some slopes, mostly toward and west of Loch Linnhe, dispersing to leave the mountains clear. Lowering cloud returning near Mull up to dusk, filling in more widely over the hills into night, to mid-slopes near coast.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Above 90% by mid-morning.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine weakening or obscured at times due to varied high cloud. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	9C at first, or all day toward Mull, but rising up to 14C inland areas by afternoon. As wind increases, feeling nearer 5C in exposure on tops.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 1 May	Friday 2 May
How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 20-30mph, risk up to 35mph at times higher tops around Ben Nevis.	West to northwesterly 20 to 30mph, strongest over tops in Ben Nevis group.
Effect of wind on you?	Starting to impede walking, some stability challenges if highest winds occur; feeling increasingly chilly.	Feeling blustery around high tops. Starting to affect balance on exposed higher ridges. Marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Occasional showery rain Bursts of showery rain from time to time. Chance of some drizzly moments along the coast in low cloud.	Light showers locally One or two brief showers, a snow flurry on higher Munros early morning, mainly Lochaber.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive at first, improving, breaks inland Coastal slopes extensively covered at dawn, mid slopes upward inland. Bases lifting inland but highest terrain will often be covered, briefly lower in showers. Some breaks near the coast, though always a risk of fragments of low cloud.	Rising to tops, clearing at times Patches of cloud likely to come and go above 800-1000m in morning, lowest toward west, lifting with time to higher slopes, but may come and go on tops.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%, becoming 70%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun morning, occasional breaks appearing through the afternoon. Hazy or misty start, visibility becoming excellent out of cloud.	Broken cloud and some sun. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3 to 5C, locally slightly warmer Loch Lomond NP in morning.	2C rising to 5C. Wind chill feeling like -5 to -8C.
Freezing Level	Lowering from northwest during morning into middle of day to around 1200m, mainly Lochaber mountains.	Near highest summits around 1100-1200m from dawn, lifting above all tops into middle of day onward.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 1 May, 2025

Dropping colder across the Highlands by Thursday, near to freezing on higher summits; strong westerly winds in the north giving considerable chill factor and bringing a few showers. Warmer further south - risk of local thundery rain for Wales later Thursday. High pressure centred toward the northwest maintains plenty of dry weather over the Bank Holiday weekend with broken cloud and sun; brief local showers possible. Cool and breezy toward north and eastern mountains, lighter winds and warmer toward southwest Highlands, Cumbria and west Wales. Further into next week, risk spells of chilly and strong west-northwesterly winds particularly for the Highlands, some showery days.

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