

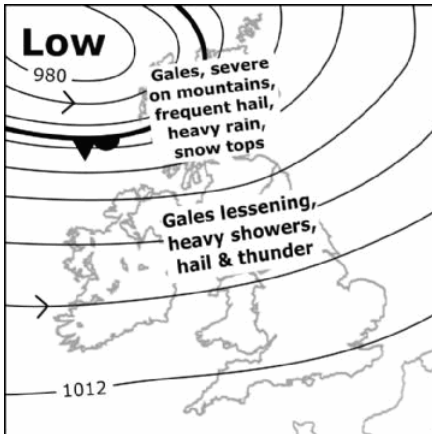
West Highlands

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 Sunday, 12 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 April, 2026

Gales will be severe all day over Scottish mountains, whilst upland gales gradually lessen for northern England, easing sooner in Wales, but remaining blustery. Widespread heavy showers merging into more constant precipitation in western Scotland, powerful squalls with hail, snow falling at times and risk of thunder.

Headline for West Highlands

Severe gales. Near constant rain, hail, snow.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 12 April, 2026

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>South soon southwesterly, 50 to 60mph, but often 70mph higher Ben Nevis range, stronger gusts in showers. Tending to lessen gradually toward evening from south to 40mph, nearer 30mph Arran.</p> <p>Difficult walking conditions, any mobility challenging in places, powerful squally gusts could knock you over on exposed terrain. Severe wind chill.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Precipitation rarely ceasing, frequent heavy bursts, hail, snow</p> <p>Showery all day, but clustering into more frequent to near-constant precipitation for periods across the region; heavy bursts with hail, snow at times falling toward 600m, chance of isolated thunder & lightning. Snow cover on most high terrain, substantial in places.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Varying, but fairly extensive</p> <p>Frequently covering higher terrain above 800 to 1000m, some patches to 600m or lower in showers, but brief breaks to upper slopes. Better breaks typically inland north/east of Ben Nevis group.</p> <p>20%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Brief moments of bright sunshine.</p> <p>Visibility changing suddenly from occasionally very good to appalling at times in snow/hail and cloud.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>0 or -1C rising to +1 or 2C by afternoon, but dropping slightly during showers. Wind chill feeling like -15C, often nearer -20C higher summits.</p> <p>800-900m from dawn, rising to 1000-1100m, then lowering again from dusk; briefly dropping also in showers.</p>

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 13 April	Tuesday 14 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly, 20 to 25mph, tending to drop slightly lower in afternoon; gusty all day around showers. Fairly small, but blustery in places where exposed on high tops in the morning, giving considerable wind chill.	South to southeasterly, 20 to 30mph, strengthening near coast afternoon, later 40mph. Then after sunset likely 50-60mph. Increasingly blustery, particularly western mountains, starting to affect comfortable walking and balance; marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Hail showers forming increasingly Showers mostly coastal areas early morning, then a scattering forming inland middle of day onward, widespread by late afternoon, briefly heavy with hail, also snow may fall to 600m. Risk isolated thunder & lightning.	Rain unlikely until late Likely dry most or all daytime. By evening, patchy rain develops from southwest, becoming more persistent onward into night.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied in showers Patches of cloud in the morning, mostly southern areas, lifting above many tops. Then occasional banks forming over hills during and after showers. Island tops more often covered above 700m in morning, then breaks afternoon.	Likely all clearing Patchy cloud around some southern slopes in morning, also mist in some glens at first. Largely breaking up or lifting above the hills into middle of day.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% coasts in morning, otherwise 60%.	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine best inland in morning, then brief bursts of sun between showers. Visibility excellent, but briefly very poor in showers.	Patchwork of cloud and sun, high cloud gradually builds later. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-1C rising to +1 or 2C, but dropping a few degrees in showers. Wind chill feeling like -6C to near -10C early in day on tops. 800m at first, also frost in some sheltered inland glens; rising 1000-1100m into middle of day and afternoon.	0C rising to 4C. Feeling colder as wind increases, later in day risk chill factor feels like -10C. 900m early in day, plus frost inland glens around dawn. Rising to 1200-1300m, then above all tops later in day.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 13 April, 2026**

Chilly and showery conditions to start the new week, hail and a risk of isolated thunder into Monday afternoon, but less windy than the weekend. Drier for much of Tuesday, but rain and strengthening south-southwesterly winds return from the west later. Milder into mid-late week, but Scottish high tops above 1200m close to freezing at times. Wednesday through Friday, showers or some more persistent rain, mostly in the west, accompanied by strong winds, gales over mountains for periods. Higher pressure gradually builds by next weekend, bringing fewer showers and lighter winds; chilly overnight, but fairly mild spring days.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Saturday, 11 April, 2026

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