

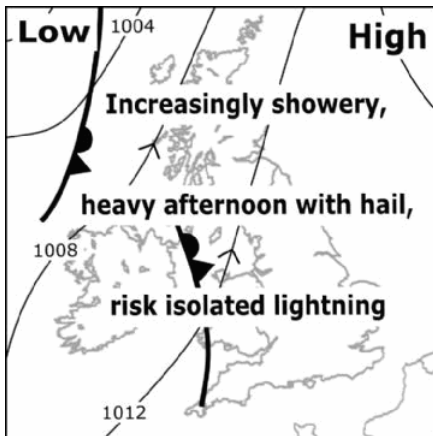
West Highlands

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 Monday, 13 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 April, 2026

Heavy showers with hail from dawn in northwest Scotland, snow falling as low as middle-slopes. Hail showers become widespread afternoon, a risk of isolating lightning. Cloud above most hills between showers. Chilly temperatures, slightly rising in sun, but suddenly chilly again around showers and also gusty.

Headline for West Highlands

Hail showers, mostly afternoon, risk isolated lightning

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 13 April, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 20 to 30mph at dawn, soon shifting southerly and easing, largely 15-20mph, occasional stronger speeds on high tops. Sudden gusts around showers.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but blustery in places where exposed on high tops in the morning, giving considerable wind chill. Sudden gusts may briefly affect stability.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Hail showers forming increasingly, widely afternoon Showers mostly coastal areas from Glencoe northward early morning, then a scattering forming middle of day onward, widespread by late afternoon, briefly heavy with hail and snow falling as low as 600m. Risk isolated thunder & lightning. May continue along the coast well into night.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied in showers, many hills clear; more extensive early Fairly extensive in the morning on coastal slopes, locally to low slopes; bases mostly above 800m inland. Bases lifting above many tops as the morning goes, highest summits slower to clear. Banks then forming over hills during and after showers.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% coasts in morning, otherwise 60%.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine inland in morning, more patchy along the coast, then becoming more widely patchy afternoon, bursts of sun between showers. Visibility excellent, but briefly very poor in showers.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C rising to +1C, or 2C northeast of Ben Nevis; dropping a few degrees in showers. Wind chill feeling like -6C to near -10C early in day on tops.
Freezing Level	700-800m at first, also frost in some sheltered inland glens; rising 1000- 1100m into middle of day and afternoon.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 14 April	Wednesday 15 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South-southeasterly 15-25mph, strengthening near coast afternoon, 45mph, to 55mph Arran to Mull after dark. Increasingly blustery, particularly western mountains; later arduous, significant wind chill, balance and stability challenged.	Southerly 45-60mph, very gusty, not just at high elevations, locally variable direction, and may strengthen west for a time. Challenging conditions with significant wind chill in exposure likely all day; chaotic gusts constantly affecting balance.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Some showery rain afternoon From midday into afternoon, a rising risk of showery rain arriving from the southwest. Rain reaches most areas by evening, tough likely remaining patchy in nature during daylight, deteriorating overnight.	Rain most of the day Rain frequently streaming in from the south, setting in persistently for periods, heavy falls probable; occasional brief breaks in the rain but often drizzly on high terrain during these lulls too.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	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, some fleeting caps over high tops. As evening approaches, cloud returns to high terrain Arran to Mull, spreading into night. 80%	Extensive, local slight improvements A sheet of cloud shrouds the mountains, largely to lower slopes in the morning, as low as coastal cliffs in the south. A slight lift of bases inland-north, best around Creag Meagaidh, but unlikely breaking above 600-700m. 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of cloud and sun, high cloud gradually builds later. Visibility excellent.	Little or no sun expected. Largely poor visibility due to cloud and rain.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	0C rising to 4C; a degree milder Lochaber. Feeling colder as wind increases, later in day risk chill factor feels like -10C. 900-1000m early in day, light frost inland glens around dawn. Rising to 1200-1300m, then above all tops later.	6 or 7C. Feeling as cold as -10C in direct wind. Above the summits, may just graze the summits of Ben Nevis around dusk, lowering towards 1000m overnight.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 14 April, 2026**

Tuesday starts largely dry and temperatures trend milder than prior days, 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 sees unsettled conditions with showers, occasionally more persistent rain, accompanied by strong gusty winds, gales over mountains for periods, but also brighter spells between rain. With strengthening sunshine, temperatures will tend to rise several degrees during daylight, often becoming warm in the valleys; slopes north of major hill groups often milder. Higher pressure gradually builds through next weekend, bringing fewer showers and lighter winds; chilly overnight, but fairly mild spring days.

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