

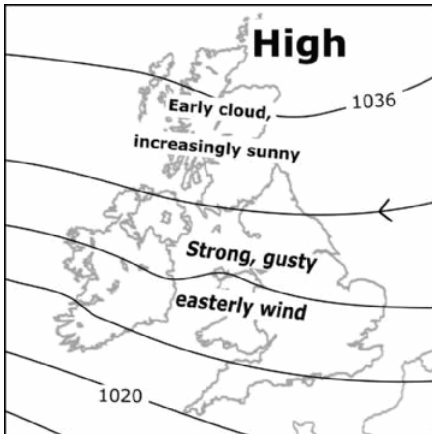
West Highlands

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 Tuesday, 21 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 April, 2026

Brisk easterly winds for all areas will give considerable chill factor across the mountains; very gusty toward the west. A little patchy rain at first, otherwise a generally dry day. Cloud banks over the hill early in the day, particularly in the east, but increasingly breaking up to leave clear hills and sunshine.

Headline for West Highlands

Blustery, gusty particularly south. Cloud breaking, sunshine.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 21 April, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 25 to 30mph, gusty 35mph in places around tops and some passes, strongest southern areas, particularly coastal areas Arran to Jura and mountains nearest the Clyde sea lochs.
Effect of wind on you?	Marked wind chill in exposure, some blustery spots affecting ease of walking, local buffeting gusts in places southern coasts and islands.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Early patchy flurries fade From before dawn into early morning, local snow flurries above 600m, patchy light rain lower slopes, soon confined mostly toward south, brief showers locally. Fading out to leave dry conditions.
Cloud on the hills?	Early cloud banks lifting and clearing Patchy cloud over higher slopes mostly above 800-1000m in the morning, clearer westwards. All tending to lift higher and increasingly break to leave hills largely clear by afternoon or sooner.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50% rising above 90% afternoon.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Variable cloud at first, some sun in far west early in day; increasingly widely sunny. Visibility very good then excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 or -1C in morning, rising to 3C afternoon. Directly in the wind, feeling as cold as -12C high tops in the morning, -6C afternoon.
Freezing Level	800-900m early morning, patchy slight frost some western glens. Rising to 1200-1300m or just above high tops afternoon.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 22 April	Thursday 23 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Easterly 15-20mph, but local gusty spots 25-30mph, typically strongest in areas near Clyde sea lochs and Arran. Fairly small, but locally uncomfortable gusts, not just on higher slopes. Feeling chilly in exposure.	East or southeasterly 10 to 20mph, strongest toward south, local gusty 25mph coastal areas Arran to Jura. Mostly small, locally more noticeably blustery over south coastal hills.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No precipitation expected	No precipitation expected
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any Most western mountains likely clear all day. Patchy cloud banks possible around Creag Meagaidh, perhaps Loch Lomond NP to Arran in the morning, high tops may poke above the cloud. Very likely all clearing.	Little or none Patchy fog some glens early morning, perhaps local patchy low cloud near Loch Lomond, brief fragments may drift upslope, but the mountains generally clear all day.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	90%	Above 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine all day many areas, a little cloud locally inland and south in morning. Visibility excellent.	Widely sunny, possibly thin high cloud. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	0 to 2C from dawn, rising to around 6C afternoon. Feeling sub-zero directly in the wind. Frost in glens and some sheltered higher areas at dawn, lifting above freezing to the tops.	5C rising to 9C, locally warmer during afternoon. Frost inland glens and some sheltered higher areas at dawn. Otherwise above freezing to the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 22 April, 2026

Staying dry through the remainder of this week and likely into the weekend as high pressure centred to the north stays nearby. Strong and gusty easterly winds tending to lessen later in the week to leave mostly light winds onward into the weekend. Temperatures generally a few degrees above freezing on higher tops, though often some frost in valleys and sheltered higher terrain at dawn. Western areas generally sunniest and warmest, some low cloud banks over eastern hills in the mornings, early fog patches some valleys. Commonly dry weather likely into next week too, chance of local showers occasionally.

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