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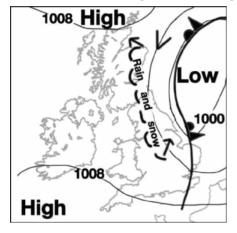
West Highlands

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, 28 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 28 April, 2024

Extensive precipitation (of snow high areas) will move northwards across eastern and central Britain (exact western edge uncertain), but will also pivot so as to clear eastwards across England whilst advancing westward across northern Scotland. Extensively dry with very clear air further west.

Headline for West Highlands

Light wind; a few hail flurries. Very clear air.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 28 April, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Light winds with variable direction much of day; later afternoon onwards northwesterly 15 to possibly 20mph Arran and Loch Lomond NP.	
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly negligible.	
How wet?	Occasional snow/hail flurries	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Largely dry but few light snow or hail flurries, mainly afternoon.	
Cloud on the hills?	Summits extensively cloud free	
	Fragments of cloud some higher slopes until mid morning and rarely near precipitation.	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	90% by late morning	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy bright sunshine although cloud filling in at times. Excellent or superb visibility.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C in morning but progressively rising to 5C. Remaining just above freezing point coastal summits.	
Freezing Level	Widely near or below freezing point valleys up at dawn. By late morning above the summits, except very close to the coast.	

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West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 29 April	Tuesday 30 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South or perhaps southeasterly between 15 and 25mph - tending to strengthen slowly. Fairly small	Southeasterly 25mph, although 30 to perhaps 35mph for periods near Clyde sea lochs, Jura and Mull. Likely to impede ease of walking on higher areas, and toward the coast give considerable buffeting and wind chill on some slopes.
How wet?	Rain, mainly afternoon and evening	Rain occasionally, mainly near coast
(Precipitation and its impact)	Substantially dry morning, but gradually rain spreading north, perhaps heavy in some areas. At present timing of the deterioration is uncertain.	Extensively dry, particularly Lochaber. But a few bursts of showery rain, possibly frequent for a few hours near the coast and near Loch Lomond.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud	Extensive, particularly as rain becomes widespread	Most areas substantially cloud free
	Loch Lomond NP west to Mull, Jura and Arran: Fog on higher areas much of the day, often forming on lower slopes, particularly in rain. Elsewhere: Summits may well be free of cloud most of the day, but in rain areas above about 750m will become covered. 30%	Generally patches above 750 to 900m, mainly Loch Lomond NP will largely clear through the morning, although returning in rain. But from Arran to Mull, may be extensive, the base lowering to 500m at times
free Munros?		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine. Excellent visibility before deteriorating to become poor in rain.	Glimpses of sun, mainly Lochaber, through layers of high level cloud. Good visibility although a haze.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1C rising to 3 or 4C	3 rising to 6C or a little higher in Lochaber.
Freezing Level	1050m, gradually lifting above the summits from the south. Frost in many valleys at dawn.	Above the summits,

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 29 April, 2024

Much less cold next week with freezing levels above the mountains. Rain from time to time, particularly Wales - some of the rain heavy and thundery in character. Wind direction predominantly easterly, resulting in frequent low cloud on more eastern mountains, with highest cloud base often near the west coast.

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