

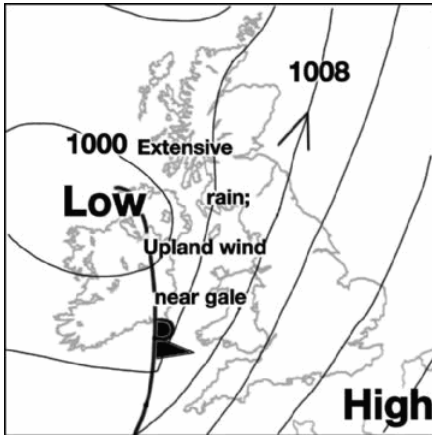
# West Highlands

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, 29 April, 2024



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 29 April, 2024**

Deteriorating - early in the day on many more western areas - as strengthening winds, rain and low cloud associated with a front extends slowly eastwards. The rain will amount to little southern Pennines, and largely dry until later in the day northern Scotland (where precipitation initially snow on the Munros).

### Headline for West Highlands

Increasingly windy; extensive rain.

## Detailed Forecast for Monday, 29 April, 2024

<p><b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b></p>	<p>South or perhaps southeasterly between 15 and 25mph - strengthening to 25 to 35mph during morning, initially near Clyde sea lochs.                  May well ease again toward 25mph later afternoon or evening.</p>
<p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p><b>Sometimes fairly small, but expect considerable buffeting and wind chill for periods where exposed on higher areas.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b></p>	<p><b>Sometimes heavy rain soon setting in most areas</b>                  Deteriorating as bursts of rain (temporarily snow higher tops) from dawn become widespread and the rain, sometimes heavy sets in across most areas.                  Least rainfall near and north of Glen Spean and Loch Treig.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p>	<p><b>Blanket of fog across nearly all mountains. Highest cloud base toward north.</b>                  Loch Lomond NP west to Mull, Jura and Arran: Fog persistently shrouding the mountains, often forming on lower slopes.                  Elsewhere: Some summits free of cloud at times morning, but increasingly areas above about 750m will become covered, and at times above 500m Rannoch Moor.</p>
<p><b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b></p>	<p><b>Almost nil, but 20% near and north of Glen Spean</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b></p>	<p>Extensively sunless - perhaps rare glimpses near Glen Spean and Lochs Treig and Ossian.                  Visibility soon deteriorating to become extensively poor in rain.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b></p>	<p>1C rising to 3 or 4C.                  Will feel as cold as minus 10C directly in the wind.</p>
<p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>1050m, gradually lifting above the summits from the south. Frost in many valleys at dawn.</p>

**West Highlands - Looking Ahead**

	<b>Tuesday 30 April</b>	<b>Wednesday 1 May</b>
<p><b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>Southeasterly 30mph, although 35 to perhaps 40mph for periods near Clyde sea lochs, Jura and Mull.</p> <p><b>Walking widely arduous on higher areas, and wind chill considerable.</b></p>	<p>Southeasterly between 10 and 20mph: generally strongest in the morning.</p> <p><b>Small</b></p>
<p><b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p><b>Frequent rain; least wet toward north</b></p> <p>Intermittently dry, particularly near and north of Glen Spean Lochs Treig and Ossian. Elsewhere, rain on and off throughout the day - most persistent on hills near Clyde sea lochs.</p>	<p><b>A little rain here and there.</b></p> <p>Rain and drizzle on and off before dawn will continue into the day in some areas, but through morning nearly all fizzle out. Scattered heavier showers afternoon.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p> <p><b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b></p>	<p><b>Extensive on higher areas</b></p> <p>Generally extensive above 750 to 900m (highest Lochaber), although patches below 500m - most extensive Arran to Mull.</p> <p><b>20%</b></p>	<p><b>All or nearly all clearing</b></p> <p>Extensive cloud across the hills from dawn: very varied cloud base, in places (most likely Arran and Loch Lomond NP) covering lowest slopes. Slowly the cloud will break up; by mid afternoon, nearly all summits cloud free.</p> <p><b>20% rising to 80%</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Glimpses of sun, mainly Lochaber, through layers of high level cloud. Good visibility although a haze.</p>	<p>Cloud layers gradually thinning and breaking to give a patchwork of sun; sunniest toward the coast. Excellent visibility.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b></p> <p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>3 rising to 6C or a little higher in Lochaber. Will feel as cold as minus 8C directly in the wind.</p> <p>Above the summits,</p>	<p>6C rising toward 10C</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>

**Planning Outlook**

**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 30 April, 2024**

Considerably warmer this week. Rain from time to time, although from Wednesday largely dry in Scotland and perhaps N England - although the risk of bursts of rain, perhaps thunder. Wales will be most prone to further rain. As yet, considerable uncertainty in the detail next weekend, although ensemble of forecast models suggest light wind, fairly warm with some sunshine. Most uncertain is the extent and locations of possible showery rain or thunderstorms.

**Forecast issued at 14:45 on Sunday, 28 April, 2024**

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