

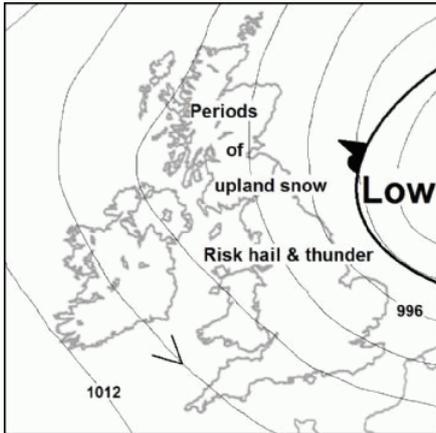
West Highlands

Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area include Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, includes Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Includes Arran and Mull.



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General Summary for Tuesday, 4 May, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 4 May, 2021

Very cold; widely sub-zero on higher slopes. Gales for England & Wales in morning, lessening gradually. Areas of near-constant precipitation for a few hours, snow to low elevations at times. Heavy bursts, hail & thunder. Showers becoming scattered in the Highlands.

Headline for West Highlands

Very cold for May. Hail and snow showers, frequent for a time.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 4 May, 2021

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly 35mph post dawn, dropping to 20-25mph; although occasionally 30mph near precipitation.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly fairly small, but sudden buffeting at times, mainly near precipitation. Significant wind chill on higher summits.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Hail and snow showers, improving Areas of snow and hail showers moving southwards, fairly widespread for a few hours into middle of day, then tending to break up from north to become well scattered. Mostly rain lower slopes near coast. Small risk isolated thunder. Fresh lying snow on many mountains. Icy higher terrain.
Cloud on the hills?	Breaking to many tops Shrouding higher slopes for periods in the morning, patches below 600m in precipitation. Will tend to lift and break, by afternoon clearing toward many higher slopes. May linger near coast. Patches locally returning elsewhere in showers.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40% rising to 80% during afternoon.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, most extensive morning Loch Lomond NP. Abruptly varying visibility: the air generally very clear but very poor in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C, locally rising a degree or so by afternoon southern areas, but dropping quickly toward -5C in Lochaber from dusk. Wind chill feeling as cold as -15C.
Freezing Level	600m post dawn; marginal rise through the day.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 5 May	Thursday 6 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	North or northwesterly, typically 20mph, but gusty near precipitation. Risk strengthening Lochaber 40mph by dusk. Fairly small, but noticeable gusts near showers. Feeling distinctly cold for May where exposed on tops.	North or northwesterly 20mph to sometimes 30mph, strongest west coastal hills. Remaining notably chilly where exposed on higher terrain, local sudden gusts around showers.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Hail and snow showers, some heavy Hail and snow showers throughout the day near the coast; otherwise mostly afternoon inland. Local heavy bursts, risk thunder. By dusk onward, constant snow for an hour or so spreading from north.	Risk hail and snow setting in for a time Varied conditions through day - local clusters of showers may give frequent snow or hail for an hour or more, but also periods where generally dry for several hours. Chance isolated thunder.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Most summits frequently cloud free Cloud mostly on coastal hills, where patches above 500m, and fairly frequently above 800m, although breaks to higher tops. Elsewhere, summits often cloud free, but near precipitation cloud forming 600m upwards. 60%	Breaks away from showers Mostly confined to higher slopes, with breaks to many summits away from showers. Patches below 700m where precipitation is frequent. 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, mainly morning. Frequently excellent or superb visibility but abruptly very poor in snow.	Occasional sun. The air very clear, but visibility very poor periodically in showers.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-5C; rising marginally during the day, particularly well inland, to -1C southern areas. Most terrain at least partly frozen at dawn. By early afternoon freezing level typically 600 to 800m, lowest near the coast.	-2C, rising toward 0 or 1C inland by afternoon. Frost widely from dawn away from coasts. Rising to 900 to 1000m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 5 May, 2021**

Staying remarkably cold for early May, quite possibly into next week in Scotland, whilst some milder air is likely to move across England & Wales from the south by this weekend. Freezing levels often near 900m, and widely frosty lower areas overnight. Areas of hail and snow showers, some heavy with thunder, most widespread in the afternoons.

Another deep Atlantic low is due to move in from the southwest toward the weekend - a threat of widespread upland gales, heavy rain, and further snow some areas.

Forecast issued at 16:50 on Monday, 3 May, 2021

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