

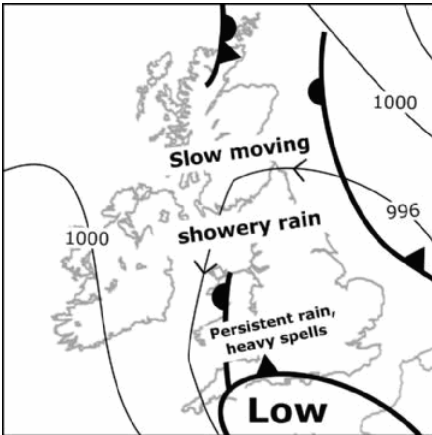
West Highlands

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, 15 April, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 April, 2025

Patchy rain and hill snow across Scotland. Cloud lifting and breaking, returning in showers. Patchy rain into England as well with more cloud here in the morning. Local slow-moving showery bursts into afternoon. Rain becoming persistent in south Wales and reaching north, becoming windy too with risk of gales here.

Headline for West Highlands

Scattered showers, snow on Munros

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 15 April, 2025

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Southerly 15-25mph at dawn. Winds begin a westerly shift along the coast, then inland as well. Becoming northwesterly by late afternoon and a breeze increasing near Arran at dusk.</p> <p>Fairly small, but locally blustery and feeling chilly around coastal mountains.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Localised showers</p> <p>Scattered showers falling as snow on the Munros, briefly hail to lower elevations; mostly coastal hills in morning. Some showers around inland areas by afternoon, moving slowly, risk locally heavy.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Variable patches over higher areas</p> <p>Patchy cloud banks around mid to upper slopes in the morning, lifting to higher tops with breaks forming. Returning and lowering during and just after showers, lower bases around Mull and Islay.</p> <p>50%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Sun and thin high cloud, then patchy cloud building up more into afternoon. Visibility very good, reduced in showers, risk locally poor for a time.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>2 or 3C, rising slightly through the day. Cooler temperatures return on coastal slopes as dusk approaches, near 1C.</p> <p>1100-1200m, or slightly higher in afternoon away from showers. Lowering slightly on coastal slopes around dusk.</p>

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 16 April	Thursday 17 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Uncertain forecast detail: Likely northerly 10-15mph, chance of increasing up to 30mph. Most likely small, but beware of stronger chillier winds at least part of the day.	Westerly 10-20mph. Shifting southerly through the day. Fairly small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk hill snow may set in; less likely west Details uncertain: Possibly just scattered showers with hill snow and hail, but increasing risk of an area of more persistent rain/hill snow moving in from the south, mostly affecting inland areas.	Showers moving inland, hail A few sleet/snow showers drift onto mountains most proximal to the coast in the morning, some hail mixed in. Showers forming increasingly inland middle of day into afternoon.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Mostly patches on tops Occasional cloud banks on upper slopes. If precipitation develops more widely, cloud becoming more extensive over hills. 50%	Frequent coastal cloud, patchy inland Passing banks capping high tops with plenty of breaks. Increasing patchy cloud over high terrain through the afternoon. Frequent banks of low cloud around the Clyde sea lochs and along the coast towards Mull. 60% inland, 40% along the coast
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, few glimpses of sun. Visibility often very good, but reducing where showers occur, chance more widely poor if hill snow sets in.	Some morning glimpses of sun but lots of high cloud around. Good visibility but very poor in sleet/snow.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-1 to +1C. If stronger winds occur, chill factor feeling near to -10C. 800 to 1100m, lowest in the morning and around precipitation.	0C, rising to 2C 800-900m, rising towards 1100m through the afternoon

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 16 April, 2025

A highly complex weather situation during this week as areas of low pressure circulate slowly near or across the British Isles. A mix of showers with hail and snow on hills, but at times a risk of more persistent and widespread rain and hill snow - particularly Wednesday, but a similar risk continues into the Easter period. Occasional windows of dry and clear conditions locally. Wind speeds very variable, often light, but beware periods of strengthening markedly to gale force over the hills. Temperatures generally cool, particularly compared to recent times, often near or below freezing on higher mountains.

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