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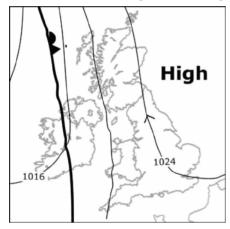
# **West Highlands**

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 Friday, 25 April, 2025



# British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 25 April, 2025

Most mountain areas becoming fine and warm as patches of early morning low cloud disperse. However, a front approaching western Scotland will bring strengthening wind, thickening cloud and then rain to more western mountains.

### **Headline for West Highlands**

Windy near Mull. Extensive sunshine; warm.

# Detailed Forecast for Friday, 25 April, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly typically 15 to 20mph, but stronger west of Loch Linnhe and Mull and Jura, where 20 to perhaps 30mph and possibly 35mph at times Mull.		
Effect of wind on you?	Toward the coast some buffeting, particularly Mull where walking sometimes arduous in gusty wind.  Mostly small well inland.		
How wet?	Occasional rain mostly near coast, but spreading slowly inland		
(Precipitation and its impact)	Largely dry morning, but by midday rain beginning islands (Mull to perhaps Arran) where then on and off.		
	Slowly occasional rain spreading to mainland mainly more western hills - though very little all day most areas		
Cloud on the hills?	Mountains extensively clearing.		
	Mountains extensively free of cloud, but in morning layer of cloud above 400 to 600m Loch Lomond NP and perhaps Arran: this lifting and breaking up from west.  Otherwise, fragments temporarily on some higher areas will clear.  In rain, patches forming to cap summits above 750m.		
Chance of cloud free Munros?	90% by midday.		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun through thin high cloud - slowly thickening, particularly Mull and Jura. Visibility excellent.		
How Cold? (at 900m)	4C where in cloud but otherwise by afternoon to in Lochaber 10C.  Near Mull will in wind feel as cold as -5C.		
Freezing Level	Above the summits		

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#### West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 26 April	Sunday 27 April
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly 20 to on higher tops 25mph; a little stronger Mull evening when will approach 35mph.	South to southwesterly, in the range 30 to perhaps near central belt at times 40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly fairly small.	Expect considerable buffeting and wind chill where exposed on higher areas.
How wet?	Rain on and off, mainly morning	Rain on and off
(Precipitation and its impact)	Rain, rarely heavy, from time to time, although in afternoon only occasional patches.	Confidence low: Periods of, or perhaps persistent rain Loch Lomond NP and toward the coast (including near Loch/Glen Etive and west of Loch Linnhe). Elsewhere, rain from time to time, perhaps very little overall.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive on higher areas - slow trend toward higher cloud base	Most summits frequently or persistently covered.
	Typically cloud base rising from in the range 300 to 600m morning (lowest Mull, Jura and near Clyde sea lochs, highest Lochaber east of Loch Linnhe and Creag Meagaidh).	Loch Lomond NP and toward the coast (including near Loch/Glen Etive and west of Loch Linnhe): Fog persistent from lower slopes up. Elsewhere: Varied cloud base, typically 600 to occasionally 900m (most likely near/north of Glen Spean).
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare glimpses of sun into the afternoon mainly lower slopes east of Loch Linnhe. Misty, murky in rain, but otherwise visibility often excellent.	Rare sunshine near and north of Glen Spean and lochs Ossian and Treig, where visibility often very good. Otherwise, generally hazy or misty in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5C	4C, but will feel as cold as minus 6C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits.

## **Planning Outlook**

## All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 26 April, 2025

The remnants of fronts will bring patches of rain and low cloud to most mountain areas on Saturday before tending to become confined to Scotland on Sunday (when the exact detail as yet uncertain). The rain may linger across NW Scotland into Monday before very warm dry air extends north across all mountains.

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