

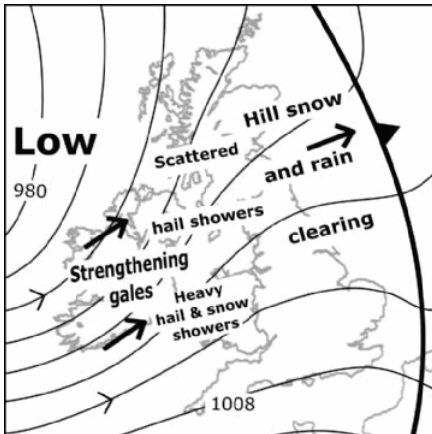
# West Highlands

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 Saturday, 11 April, 2026



### British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 11 April, 2026

Windy with significant chill factor. Gales develop and strengthen with time England & Wales. At first, a band of persistent snowfall across the hills, rain lower slopes, soon moving away eastwards, leaving clearer conditions and scattered showers, but becoming locally heavy with hail and chance of thunder.

### Headline for West Highlands

Upland gales, briefly ease, stronger later. Hail showers form.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 11 April, 2026

<p><b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>Southerly 40-50mph around dawn, then 30-40mph, quite variable for a few hours, but then strengthening again afternoon, soonest coastal areas toward Arran, 45-55mph, reaching 60mph into evening.</p> <p><b>Arduous walking with significant wind chill most of day, later speeds challenging forward mobility over mountains along the coast, widely by evening.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p><b>Hail and snow showers develop</b></p> <p>Overnight hill snow clears eastward by dawn, a fresh covering on the hills. Then often dry for a few hours, but scattered hail and snow showers form, locally heavy in afternoon with chance of isolated thunder.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p> <p><b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b></p>	<p><b>Mostly early, improving to many clear tops</b></p> <p>Most Munros shrouded at dawn from at least 800m and up, lower bases on southern slopes, soon beginning to lift and break from the west coast and gradually more widely. Cloud returns to summits above 1000-1100m in showers, breaks to tops at times.</p> <p><b>20% rising to 60%</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Bursts of sunshine. Very good visibility but suddenly very poor in showers.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b></p> <p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>-2C rising to 0 or +1C afternoon. Feeling like -15C in direct wind, then colder later as speeds increase.</p> <p>Variable, around 600-700m, locally to some lower slopes at first; tending to rise, toward 900m, but lowering in showers.</p>

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 12 April	Monday 13 April
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	South then southwesterly, 45 to 60mph, stronger gusts in showers. Tending to lessen gradually afternoon-evening. <b>Difficult walking conditions, powerful squally gusts could knock you over on exposed terrain. Significant wind chill.</b>	Southerly, later southeasterly, 20 to 25mph, may drop slightly lower in afternoon. <b>Fairly small, but blustery in places where exposed on high tops, giving considerable wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Frequent heavy showers, hail, snow</b> Showery all day, but clustering into more frequent to near-constant precipitation for periods across the region; heavy bursts with hail, snow at times falling toward 600m, risk of isolated thunder.	<b>Hail showers forming increasingly</b> Showers mostly coastal areas early morning, then a scattering forming inland middle of day onward, widespread by late afternoon, briefly heavy with hail, also snow may fall to 600m. Risk isolated thunder & lightning.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Varying, but fairly extensive</b>  Frequently covering higher terrain above 800 to 1000m, some patches to 600m or lower in showers, but brief breaks to upper slopes. Better breaks typically inland north/east of Ben Nevis group.	<b>Varied in showers</b>  Patches of cloud in the morning, mostly southern areas, lifting above many tops. Then occasional banks forming over hills during and after showers. Island tops more often covered above 700m in morning.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>30% coasts, to 50% inland.</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief moments of bright sunshine. Visibility changing suddenly from occasionally very good to appalling at times in snow/hail and cloud.	Sunshine best inland in morning, then brief bursts of sun between showers. Visibility excellent, but briefly very poor in showers.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b> <b>Freezing Level</b>	0 or -1C rising to +1 or 2C. Wind chill feeling like -15C, risk nearer -20C highest summits early in day. 800-900m from dawn, rising to 1000-1100m, then lowering again from dusk; briefly dropping also in showers.	-1C rising to +1 or 2C. Wind chill feeling like -6C to near -10C at first on tops. 800m at first, also frost in some sheltered inland glens; rising 1000-1100m into middle of day and afternoon.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 12 April, 2026**

Chilly and showery conditions to start the new week, hail and a risk of isolated thunder into Monday afternoon, but less windy than the weekend. Drier for much of Tuesday, but rain and strengthening south-southwesterly winds likely return from the west later. Milder into mid-late next week, but Scottish high tops above 1200m close to freezing at times. Showers or more persistent rain mostly in the west, accompanied by strong winds Wednesday-Thursday. Higher pressure builds toward next weekend, bringing drier conditions overall; some chilly nights but fairly mild spring days.

**Forecast issued at 16:30 on Friday, 10 April, 2026**

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