

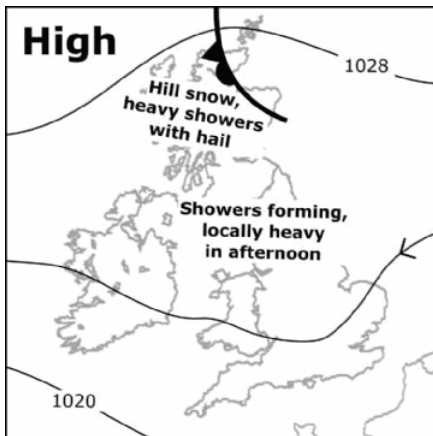
# West Highlands

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, 20 April, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 20 April, 2026**

Hill snow and rain lower down in northeast Scotland from early in the day, locally persistent for a time. Showers form across Scotland and northern England during the day, locally increasingly heavy with hail. Blustery toward northwest Scotland, otherwise fairly light wind until late in day. Staying at freezing on high Scottish tops.

### Headline for West Highlands

Varied winds, easing inland. Some heavy showers with hail.

## Detailed Forecast for Monday, 20 April, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Northeasterly 20 to 25mph, or gusty 30mph Lochaber to Mull early morning. Typically dropping nearer 15mph further south, locally less Loch Lomond NP.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Toward Ben Nevis group and westwards rather blustery where exposed on high tops with considerable wind chill, particularly morning. Becoming fairly small south, but then windier again late in day.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Scattered showers form, hail and snow on hills</b> Largely dry morning many areas. Showers with soft hail, also snow falling above 600m, later 800m, forming soonest toward Creag Meagaidh and Rannoch Moor during morning, then showers more widely afternoon, locally heavier and possibly more frequent, but some places toward south remain dry.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Occasionally capping tops</b> Patchy cloud banks soon mostly above 800m, most common north and east from Glen Spean in the morning, clearer start near the coast. Broken cloud patches then come and go above 1000-1200m, brief lower patches in showers.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Sunshine mostly west coastal areas in morning, but cloud inland tending to fill in more widely. Occasional sun breaking through. Visibility mostly very good.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	0C rising to 3C afternoon. Where exposed to wind, feeling like -10C on high tops early in day, improving to -5C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	800-900m in morning or slightly higher toward coast, plus frost in some glens at dawn. Rising to 1200-1300m during afternoon.

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	<b>Tuesday 21 April</b>	<b>Wednesday 22 April</b>
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Easterly 25 to 30mph, gusty in places around tops and some passes, strongest southern areas.  <b>Marked wind chill in exposure, some blustery spots affecting ease of walking.</b>	Easterly 15-20mph, but local gusty spots 25-30mph, typically strongest in areas near Clyde sea lochs and Arran.  <b>Fairly small, but locally uncomfortable gusts, not just on higher slopes. Feeling chilly in exposure.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Precipitation unlikely</b> Substantially or completely dry. Chance of local light rain spots around cloud inland, snow grains on higher slopes, mostly morning.	<b>No precipitation expected</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Lifting above many tops</b>  Patchy cloud over higher slopes mostly above 800-1000m in the morning, tending to lift higher and increasingly break. Western tops often clearer.  <b>70%</b>	<b>Little if any</b>  Most western mountains likely clear all day. Patchy cloud banks possible around Creag Meagaidh, perhaps Loch Lomond NP to Arran in the morning, high tops may poke above the cloud. Very likely all clearing.  <b>90%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Variable cloud and sun, best further west. Visibility very good or excellent.	Sunshine all day many areas, a little cloud locally inland and south in morning. Visibility excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	0C rising to 3C afternoon. Directly in the wind, feeling as cold as -10C in the morning.  900m early morning, patchy slight frost some western glens. Rising to 1200-1300m or just above high tops	2C from dawn, locally cooler, rising to around 6C afternoon. Feeling sub-zero directly in the wind.  Frost in glens and some sheltered higher areas at dawn, otherwise above freezing to the tops.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 21 April, 2026**

A drier outlook through late April as high pressure resides over Britain, centred generally toward the north. Easterly winds prevail this week, strong and gusty over England and Wales, gale-force in places through midweek. Less windy further north across Scotland and becoming lighter winds everywhere by later in the week. Western mountains generally clear with plenty of sunshine throughout this week ahead, variable cloud at times drifting onto some eastern hills. Some overnight frosts into valleys. Daytime temperatures rising several degrees above freezing to highest tops, warmest in west. Risk of a strengthening chilly northerly wind for a time during next weekend.

**Forecast issued at 16:01 on Sunday, 19 April, 2026**

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