

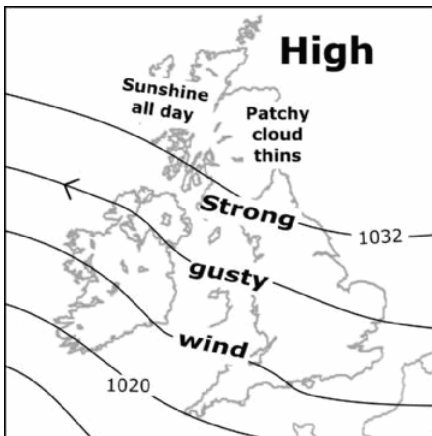
West Highlands

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 Wednesday, 22 April, 2026



**British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 22 April, 2026**

Easterly winds, very gusty around higher tops and downslope to the west, strongest over England and particularly Wales, where gale-force in places. Dry overall, sunshine all day in western areas, whilst patchy cloud around eastern hills will tend to thin and retreat away to the coast.

Headline for West Highlands

Gusty wind. Cloud breaking to give increasing sun.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 22 April, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 15-25mph, but local gusty spots 25-30mph, typically strongest in areas near Clyde sea lochs and Arran.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but locally uncomfortable gusts, not just on higher slopes. Feeling chilly in exposure.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No precipitation expected
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any Most western mountains clear all day. Patchy cloud banks around Creag Meagaidh, perhaps Loch Lomond NP to Arran in the morning, high tops may poke above the cloud. Very likely all clearing.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	90% becoming practically certain
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine all day many areas, a little cloud locally inland and south in morning. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 to 2C from dawn, rising to around 6C afternoon. Feeling sub-zero directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Frost in glens and some sheltered higher areas at dawn, lifting above freezing to the tops.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 23 April	Friday 24 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southeasterly 10 to 20mph, strongest toward coast, local gusty 25mph southern areas around Arran to Jura. Mostly small, locally more noticeably blustery over south coastal hills.	Variable or southerly, 10mph or less. Negligible.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No precipitation expected	No rain expected
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Little or none Patchy fog some glens early morning, perhaps local patchy low cloud near Loch Lomond, brief fragments may drift upslope, but the mountains generally clear all day. Above 90%	Cloud not expected Patchy light mist in sheltered glens at dawn, may briefly begin lifting upslope after sunrise but soon dissipates for cloud-free hills. Practically certain
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Widely sunny, possibly thin high cloud. Visibility excellent.	Extensive sunshine. Very good visibility, slight low-level haze toward south.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5C rising to 9C, locally warmer afternoon. (Glens start cooler, then locally approach 20C inland Lochaber afternoon). Frost inland glens and some sheltered higher areas at dawn. Otherwise above freezing to the summits.	8C rising to 11 or 12C. (Glens start much cooler, then approach 20C afternoon). Above the summits. At dawn, slight frost in some inland glens and possibly sheltered corries.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 23 April, 2026

A settled spell of weather onward through late week into the weekend, with increasingly warmer temperatures on the hills, reaching 10C+ on many tops. Valleys and some sheltered higher areas will start with a risk of frost but increasingly by the afternoons many valleys will warm up toward 20C, particularly in the west. Briefly cooler air may extend back into northeastern areas over the weekend. Strong April sunshine widely across the mountains, beware risk of sunburn. Misty starts in some valleys. After a gusty easterly during midweek, the wind will drop light for most places by late this week. A settled springtime outlook is likely for next week.

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