

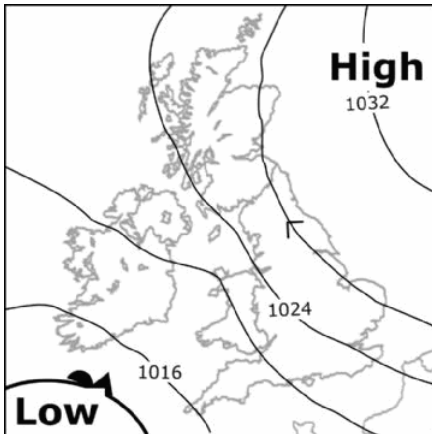
West Highlands

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 Thursday, 30 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 30 April, 2026

Unbroken bright sunshine nearly everywhere - beware of dehydration and sunburn. Windy, particularly morning southern Scotland southwards where upland gales in some areas. SW Wales often cloudy with increasing threat of a shower.

Headline for West Highlands
 Bright sunshine. Locally gusty wind.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 30 April, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly 20 to 30mph, strongest and most gusty Arran, Jura and Mull, where sometimes 35 or 40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Varied but some noticeable gusty spots, more blustery affecting balance on some slopes, particularly on/near the islands.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain
Cloud on the hills?	None expected
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Practically certain
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Unbroken sunshine, although some thin high cloud particularly toward west. Excellent or superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6C rising to 8 to 11C afternoon (coldest Loch Lomond NP). Feeling near or just below freezing directly in the wind, coldest in the morning.
Freezing Level	Above the summits. Slight frost inland glens at dawn.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 1 May	Saturday 2 May
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly, 15mph or on coastal hills 20-25mph.	(Low confidence in this forecast) Direction varied; widely 10mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small	Negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk bursts of rain Still some uncertainty: Some or most areas remaining dry, but patches of rain - ranging from a short burst to being steady for an hour likely to affect some areas.	Rain becoming more widespread After overnight rain, the morning probably largely dry. Increasingly bursts of rain, in places setting in and there may also be heavy thundery bursts.
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any Most or all cloud above the mountains, but locally if rain occurs, patches may form at various heights for a few hours.	Probably very extensive. Particularly toward the coast, cloud may for periods form below 300m. Even well inland in rain, fragments may form upward from forest canopies, although most cloud above 600m, and perhaps clearing to higher tops at times.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun mostly weak through a veil of high cloud, which may thicken to cover the sky. Visibility good or very good, some haze likely, particularly toward south.	Occasional sunshine. The air very clear, but visibility poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	10C coastal hills. Elsewhere rising to a very warm 14C by afternoon.	Between 5C near the coast and 8C, perhaps 10C well inland.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 1 May, 2026**

Less settled this weekend and into next week. Rain will not be extensive, but in some areas persistent for a few hours and some heavy, possibly thundery bursts - although particularly by Sunday local detail is as yet uncertain. Temperature levels will drop from the north, indeed early next week overnight and mornings higher slopes will be below freezing point Scottish Highlands, and further frosts are likely in valleys.

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