

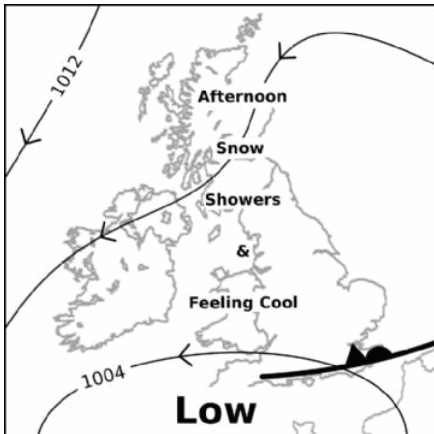
The Northwest Highlands

Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Friday, 26 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 26 April, 2024

Light winds but cool or cold feeling across the UK. Any morning cloud will break and lift above summits, but may temporarily re-form during any afternoon showers. Showers on high ground will fall as snow flurries or hail in many regions. Patchwork of sunshine.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Afternoon showers, falling as snow or hail on high ground

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 26 April, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Light winds, most often northeasterly but may variable direction at times. Risk of up to 20mph on Skye and mountains near west coast.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible. Risk of marked wind chill on Skye and near west coast.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, most frequent afternoon Occasional showers, getting more frequent for a time in the afternoon. Will fall as sleety snow or hail on high ground. Small risk of lightning away from west coast.
Cloud on the hills?	Lifting above most tops Patches of cloud on higher slopes, especially in the morning as well as during and after showers. Base rising towards or above highest tops.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Widespread sunshine near west coast in morning will become more patchy in the afternoon. Overcast inland. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C in morning rising to around 2 to 3C late afternoon. Feeling -5C or below on Skye.
Freezing Level	700m in morning rising to 900 to 1000m mid-afternoon onwards, highest in Kintail. Frost many glens at dawn.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 27 April	Sunday 28 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Light winds with variable direction. Negligible.	Details uncertain. Likely light winds with variable direction. Risk easterly 20mph, especially Sutherland. Likely negligible.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Afternoon showers becoming widespread Mostly dry morning with the odd shower possible. Showers building and becoming widespread in the afternoon, falling as sleet or snow on high ground. Small risk of lightning.	Occasional light snow/hail flurries Largely dry but light snow or hail flurries, especially near the west coast. Total precipitation small.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Morning cloud breaking. Patchy in afternoon. Some summits shrouded in the morning, especially well inland. Mostly breaking up by late morning. Patchy cloud re-forming in the afternoon, especially during and after showers. 60%	Morning cloud, breaking and lifting Areas of widespread cloud shrouding higher slopes and summits in morning. Will lift and break through the day, clearing most summits. 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Weak sunshine though high-level cloud in the morning. Becoming brighter but more patchy in afternoon as shower clouds form. Excellent visibility.	Patchy sunshine developing. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-2C in the morning. Rising to 2C by the afternoon. 700 to 800m in the morning, rising to 1100m by evening. Lowest in Sutherland.	-2C in morning but soon rising to 1 to 3C. Warmest in Kintail, coldest Sutherland. 700 to 900m, lowest in Sutherland. Will rise above summits through the day, especially inland regions.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 27 April, 2024**

Cool and intermittently showery weather with mostly light winds over the weekend and the early part of next week. Small chance of a small region of low pressure bringing heavy rain on Sunday, but it is increasingly likely this will be over the North Sea. Indications of drier and slightly warmer weather from mid-week onwards.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Thursday, 25 April, 2024

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