

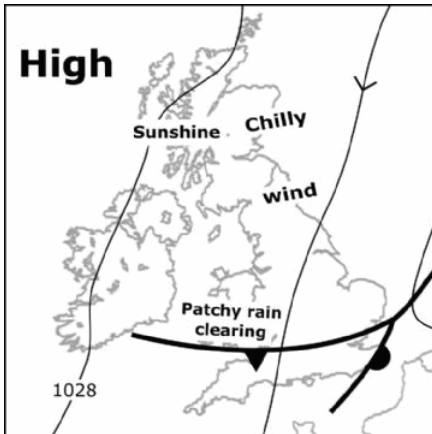
The Northwest Highlands

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 Tuesday, 23 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 23 April, 2024

A cold northerly breeze - notable chill factor on the tops, particularly eastern areas. Feeling pleasant where sheltered in the sunshine, especially by afternoon, best in western Scotland. Most places dry all day, low risk of a brief light shower or flurry. Early showers clearing south across Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Mostly dry and sunny, but chilly and breezy on tops.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 23 April, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	North to northeasterly, 20 to 30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable wind chill over higher terrain. Blustery in places which may start to affect ease of walking and balance on ridges.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation very unlikely Rare if any isolated brief light showers or snow flurries on hills, mainly north coastal areas in morning.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly little if any; patches in north Most mountains in Wester Ross to Skye and Kintail clear all day. Patchy cloud occasionally near some higher slopes in Sutherland, mainly around Ben Hope.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	90% many places, 70% far north.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Broken cloud and sun, but often sunny toward western areas; beware sunburn. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1 to +2C, coldest Ben Hope area. Wind chill feeling close to -10C on the Munros.
Freezing Level	800 to 1000m north & eastern areas, but mostly just above higher summits toward Skye and Torridon. Frost in sheltered inland glens at first.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 24 April	Thursday 25 April
How windy? (On the Munros)	North to northeasterly 15 to 25mph, least wind toward Kintail.	Northerly 15 to 20mph, at times 25mph some exposed tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable wind chill on higher slopes especially morning. May just affect ease of walking on some exposed ridges.	Fairly small effect on walking, but continued notable wind chill on hills.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rare showers Chance of a brief flurry of soft hail or snow.	Showers developing A scattering of showers forming increasingly during the day, with hail, plus snow flurries at times falling to mid-heights.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly little Occasional patches drifting over higher slopes in the morning. Cloud above most or all tops by afternoon.	Occasionally on higher areas Patches of cloud forming over some slopes in the morning, bases lifting toward the summits and many mountains will clear. Local fragments returning around showers.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Broken cloud and sun. Visibility excellent.	Variable cloud and sun, best in morning. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C to 0C, rising to +1 or 3C. Wind chill feels like -5C to locally -10C in morning on some tops.	-3C rising to 0 or +1C. Wind chill feeling like -5 to -10C, coldest in morning.
Freezing Level	700 to 900m, lowest in north in morning, plus frost in sheltered glens at first. May lift just above tops Skye to Kintail areas.	600 to 800m, lowest in north in morning, frost some glens; rising toward 900m, locally 1000m+ near Kintail into afternoon.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 24 April, 2024**

Northerly breezes continue into midweek, feeling distinctly chilly over higher terrain - temperatures will fluctuate from below freezing in the morning, to a few degrees above into the afternoon for a few days - coldest toward the east and northeast. Sunny spells with excellent visibility, mixed with scattered brief showers or snow flurries. Lowering pressure Thursday into Friday, turning more widely showery again with hail and snow on some hills, but winds fairly light. A risk of a rain system spiraling across Britain over the weekend, upland snow for a time, accompanied by stronger east to southeasterly winds.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Monday, 22 April, 2024

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