

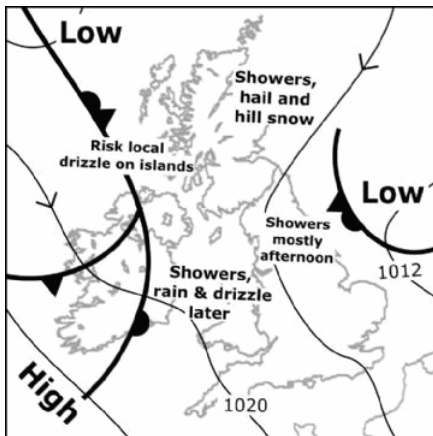
The Northwest Highlands

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 Wednesday, 17 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 April, 2024

Chilly northerly winds, tending to ease across the Highlands. Staying near or below freezing over higher tops. A scattering of hail and hill snow showers, focused over eastern Scotland, also Pennine areas by afternoon. Western Scotland mostly dry. Early showers for Wales turns into steadier rain in the west here by afternoon.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Wind dropping lighter. Often dry, local brief snow or hail.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 17 April, 2024

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Northwesterly 15 to 25mph in the morning, likely to drop to 10mph or less into the afternoon. Speeds starting to increase again into the night.</p> <p>Marked wind chill early in the day, becoming small.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Local showers</p> <p>One or two brief showers with soft hail, and snow flurries on higher slopes. Some areas largely dry all day, especially Wester Ross to Kintail. Drizzly showers may occasionally affect Skye. Well into night, drizzly rain and summit snow pushing onto western mountains.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Varied on higher tops</p> <p>Patchy cloud on higher slopes in the morning, mostly lifting toward or above the tops. Cloud may come and go near coasts.</p> <p>60%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Some sunshine, but fairly weak at times due to high cloud. Visibility mostly very good.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>-2C rising toward +1C afternoon. Wind chill feeling like -10C early in the day.</p> <p>600-700m plus frost in sheltered inland glens at first. Rising to 900 to 1000m afternoon, locally higher near Kintail.</p>

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 18 April	Friday 19 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly, strengthening during morning 30 to 50mph, risk 60mph higher tops afternoon, especially in north. Deteriorating quickly to make walking arduous or increasingly difficult on higher terrain. Significant wind chill.	Northwesterly, 25 to 40mph, strongest in north in morning, tending to ease from west with time. Considerable buffeting and wind chill on exposed higher terrain in morning, lessening a little during the day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain setting in Drizzly rain and snow flurries on higher tops at first. Becoming persistent steady rain, heavier western mountains in afternoon. By evening, showers with snow high tops.	Showers for a time Brief snow or hail showers coming in from the northwest in the morning tending to fade.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Becoming extensive Banks of cloud over western hills from dawn, filling in and lowering extensively, shrouding hills to lower slopes near west coast. Highest bases toward Moray Firth. 20%	Lifting above many tops Banks of cloud drifting over higher slopes for a few hours in the morning, but lifting toward or above many summits into afternoon. Patches may come and go near to coast in north. 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally overcast, dull and murky in west. Poor visibility across the mountains.	Broken cloud and sun. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	1 to 3C. Wind chill feeling like -10C or colder as speeds strengthen. 1000m early morning, lifting above freezing to highest tops, then lowering back toward 800m from dusk into night.	-1 to +1C. Wind chill feeling like -10C or below in strongest wind in morning. 800 to 1000m, highest around Skye afternoon.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 18 April, 2024

Briefly just above freezing to highest Scottish tops on Thursday daytime. A period of rain and drizzle preceded by snow on tops coming in from the west, wettest over western Scotland. By Thursday night, dropping back to freezing to 800m from the north. Staying near freezing over high tops into Friday with a scattering of brief hail showers on brisk northwesterly winds. A fine and milder weekend for many as high pressure builds. W-SW'ly breezes in northern Scotland with patchy rain in the northwest. High pressure stays nearby into next week, but cool northeasterly breezes are likely - near or below freezing on tops with overnight frost into glens. Sunny spells and scattered showers with hail and snow.

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