

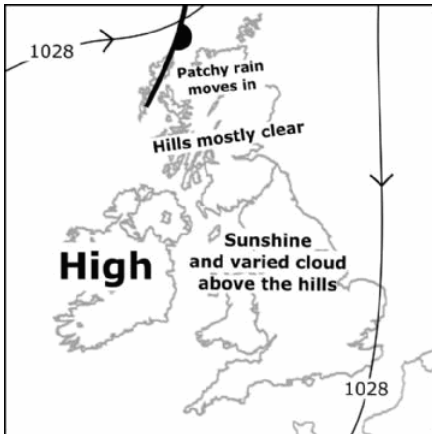
The Northwest Highlands

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 Saturday, 20 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 20 April, 2024

Most places dry all day with variable cloud and sun. Winds fairly light, but feeling chilly if exposed over higher terrain. Locally breezier in northern Scotland. A weak front drifting in from the northwest brings a little rain or drizzle to the northern Highlands mainly into afternoon.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

A little rain developing, mainly north. Moderate breeze.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 20 April, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly, at times southwesterly on coastal mountains in west; 15 to 25mph, often strongest northern areas, possibly also Skye. Sometimes 30mph Ben Hope. Gusty in places on some mid-slopes.
Effect of wind on you?	Prepare for marked wind chill where exposed on higher terrain. Blustery on some higher and middle slopes, may start to affect balance on exposed ridges. Locally often fairly small effects.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain mostly afternoon and north Mostly dry early in the day. A little drizzly rain moving in from the northwest with time, becoming locally more persistent during afternoon, mainly Sutherland where some steadier rain for a time, but total amounts small.
Cloud on the hills?	Covering some hills, lowering in rain Varied banks of cloud over some higher slopes in the morning, mainly western areas. Breaks to tops best Kintail to Great Glen. Where rain develops, cloud lowering further, risk filling in across hills especially Ullapool northward.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50%, dropping to 20% in rain in north
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A little sun early in the day, best toward the east. Thickening high cloud layers, turning increasingly overcast. Visibility very good, but reducing where rain occurs.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Near 0C at first, rising to 3 to 5C afternoon, coolest Ben Hope area. Wind chill feeling like -4 to -8C, coldest in the morning.
Freezing Level	Slight frost inland glens plus some sheltered higher areas at first. Otherwise above freezing to highest tops.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 21 April	Monday 22 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Risk southwesterly 30mph, especially coastal areas north from Ullapool. May be variable and lower speeds. Possibility of being blustery mainly northern areas. Perhaps more often small.	Northerly 20 to 30mph. Starting to affect comfortable walking on exposed tops. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no precipitation Chance of local pockets of drizzle mainly in Sutherland early in the day.	A little rain on and off Patchy showery rain, later turning to snow flurries on the Munros in the north.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	May largely clear Banks of cloud around some higher slopes in the morning, tending to lift toward or above many summits. Chance of patchy cloud drifting back onto west coast tops. 50%	Fairly extensive north Varied banks over higher slopes, most persistent in Sutherland. Breaks best toward Skye and Torridon. 40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Broken cloud and sun. Visibility very good.	Often cloudy, some sun in west. Visibility good, but reduced in showers.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5C rising to locally 7C. Feeling nearer 0C if exposed to stronger winds. Above the summits	4C dropping from the north toward 0C. Wind chill feeling like -5C, later nearer -10C into evening. Above the summits, but starting to lower later in day, toward 800m in north.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 21 April, 2024

Into early next week, high pressure will be centred toward the northwest, with sunny spells and scattered light showers. Northerly winds bring lower temperatures into midweek, near or below freezing over higher terrain, coldest toward the east. Lowering pressure is expected later in the week, turning more widely showery again with upland snow, plus hail. Day-to-day variations in extent of showers and cloud amounts. Cool conditions are likely to continue toward the change of month into early May, at least in Scotland.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Friday, 19 April, 2024

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