

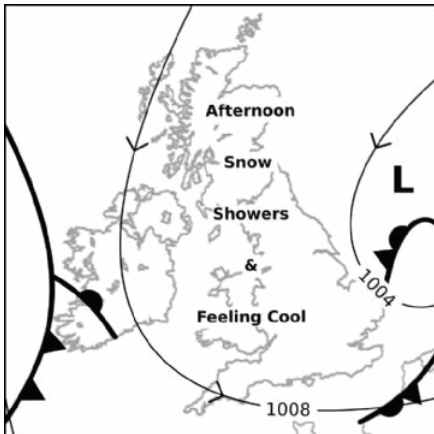
The Northwest Highlands

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 Thursday, 25 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 25 April, 2024

Cold day across the UK with many areas having northerly winds. Increasing risk of showers in the afternoon in all areas, falling as snow or hail on high ground. Many summits clear or soon clear except for fragments of cloud forming during showers, particularly in the afternoon.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Afternoon snow showers on high ground

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 25 April, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly 15 to 20mph, at times 25mph some exposed tops. Tending to ease a little in the afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small effect on walking, but continued notable wind chill on hills.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers developing A scattering of showers forming increasingly during the day and especially mid-afternoon. Hail, plus snow flurries at times falling to mid-heights.
Cloud on the hills?	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%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Variable cloud and sun, best in morning. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3C rising to 0 or +1C. Wind chill feeling like -5 to -10C, coldest in morning.
Freezing Level	600 to 800m, lowest in north in morning, frost some glens; rising toward 900m, locally 1000m+ near Kintail into afternoon.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 26 April	Saturday 27 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Light winds, likely northeasterly but may be variable in direction. Risk of up to 15mph on Skye and mountains near west coast. Negligible. Risk of marked wind chill on Skye.	Light winds with variable direction. Negligible.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk of showers Occasional showers, getting more frequent for a time in the afternoon. Will fall as sleet snow or hail on high ground.	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.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Lifting above most tops Patches of cloud on higher slopes, especially during and after showers. Base rising towards or above highest tops. 70%	Morning cloud breaking. Patchy in afternoon. Many 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%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Widespread sunshine near west coast in morning will become more patchy in the afternoon. Overcast inland. Excellent visibility.	Weak sunshine though high-level cloud in the morning. Becoming brighter but more patchy in afternoon as shower clouds form. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-1C in morning rising to around 2 to 3C late afternoon. Feeling -5C or below on Skye. 700m in morning rising to 900 to 1000m mid-afternoon onwards, highest in Kintail. Frost many glens at dawn.	-2C in the morning. Rising to 2C by the afternoon. 700 to 800m in the morning, rising to 1100m by evening. Lowest in Sutherland.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 26 April, 2024

Remaining cold, especially northern England and Scotland. Initially winds remaining light but showers increasingly likely, falling as snow or hail on high ground. Small but active low bringing wind and precipitation to England and Wales on Sunday. Remaining showery and on-and-off cold into the early part of next week.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Wednesday, 24 April, 2024

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