

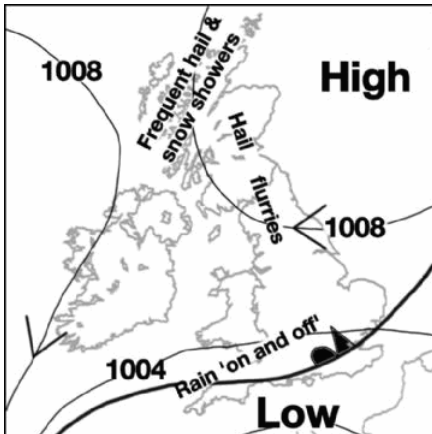
The Northwest Highlands

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, 27 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 27 April, 2024

Continuing cold with higher areas below freezing point, particularly in the morning. Showers, mostly hail flurries developing, becoming frequent NW Scotland. Noticeable wind chill Wales. Very clear air.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Little wind. Hail and snow showers, becoming frequent.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 27 April, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Light wind; variable direction.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Hail and snow showers becoming widespread Morning; largely dry well inland, although within 10 miles or so of the general lie of the west coast, showers or flurries of hail and snow. Afternoon: flurries or showers across the region, frequent, particularly more western hills.
Cloud on the hills?	Summits extensively cloud free; may come and go on Skye. Generally only fragments of cloud shrouding higher slopes now and again, mainly in and after precipitation. Lower confidence on Skye, where threat of frequently shrouding slopes above 750m, particularly south Cuillin, and now and again patches as low as 500m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Weak sunshine at times, but overall extensive cloud layers. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C post dawn. Rising to 4C by afternoon (nearer 1C Cuillin).
Freezing Level	700 to 800m until mid-morning, then gradually rising above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 28 April	Monday 29 April
How windy? (On the Munros)	Light wind; variable direction.	South to southeasterly between 10 and 20mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible.	Small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Occasional snow/hail flurries Largely dry but light snow or hail flurries, mainly afternoon. Total precipitation small.	Little or no rain Substantially dry although slowly from the south, risk of a few bursts of rain, possibly eventually setting in, particularly on and near Skye. Until about mid afternoon, precipitation of snow above 750-1000m
Cloud on the hills?	Summits extensively cloud free Fragments of cloud some higher slopes until mid morning and rarely near precipitation.	Hills extensively free of cloud Near Skye: Summits most likely cloud free for much of day, but gradually increasing risk of cloud capping higher areas, particularly in precipitation. The cloud may eventually fill in on lower slopes, Cuillin's (very uncertain as yet). Elsewhere: Tops extensively cloud free.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy bright sunshine although cloud filling in at times. Excellent or superb visibility.	Glimpses of hazy sun, although in morning, perhaps sunnier far north. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C after dawn but extensively 5C by mid afternoon. Remaining at or just above freezing point Skye & Ben Hope (far north).	0C rising to 3 or 4C
Freezing Level	Widely near or below freezing point valleys up at dawn. By late morning above the summits, except very close to the coast.	900m, gradually lifting above the summits from the south. Frost in many valleys post dawn.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 28 April, 2024**

Less cold next week with freezing levels almost constantly above highest summits. Rain from time to time, particularly across Wales. Wind direction will be predominantly easterly. This will bring in frequent low cloud to more eastern mountains, with highest cloud base often near the west coast.

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