

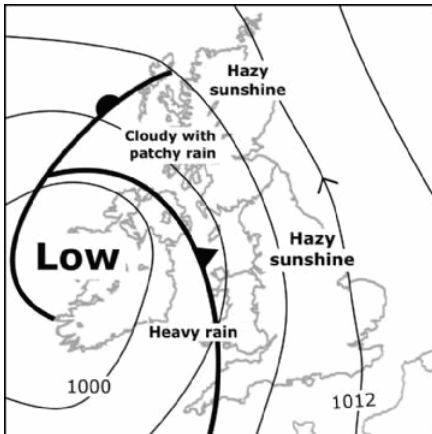
The Northwest Highlands

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, 30 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 30 April, 2024

Brisk southeasterly winds, up to gale force some tops; strengthening across the Highlands. A belt of rain draped across west coast of Scotland south from Skye, also affecting Galloway, and fairly persistent rain for west and south Wales. Drier further east and north with hazy sunshine. Fairly mild air.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Increasingly windy. Mostly dry, a little rain Skye.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 30 April, 2024

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| How windy? (On the Munros) | Southeasterly 25mph, reaching 35mph near Skye, typically strongest later afternoon into evening. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Likely to impede ease of walking on higher areas, and near Skye give considerable buffeting and wind chill on some slopes. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Many places dry, a little rain near Skye Extensively dry many areas, especially toward north. Around Skye, a little rain on and off, occasionally a showery burst. Sometimes a little rain may be further inland near Kintail. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Little if any Occasional banks of cloud mainly on Skye, may drift around higher Cuillin slopes, especially southern areas. |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | 80% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | A little sun through layers of high level cloud. Very good or excellent visibility. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | 4C rising to 9C. In the stronger wind speeds, feeling like -5C, mainly on higher Cuillin. |
| Freezing Level | Above the summits |

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

| | Wednesday 1 May | Thursday 2 May |
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| How windy? (On the Munros) | Southeasterly between 10 and 20mph: generally strongest in the morning. | Easterly 25mph to suddenly gusty 40mph around some mountains, powerful gusts in passes and downslope to west. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Small | Locally very varied, but expect sudden buffeting making walking arduous in places not just on higher terrain. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Little or no rain One or two showers, but most areas dry. | Most places dry A little drizzle if in cloud on eastern hills. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Very little Many mountains clear, especially in the west. Some banks of low cloud may drift onto hills near to the North Sea. | Mostly little Banks of cloud clinging to some slopes, mainly over eastern hills. Many west coast mountains likely clear. |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | 80% | 70% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Cloud layers thinning and breaking to give a patchwork of sun; sunniest toward the coast. Excellent visibility. | Sun and thin high cloud. Very good visibility, but slight haze especially in east. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | 6C rising toward 11C | 7C in east, to locally above 10C in west. Feeling close to freezing directly in wind. |
| Freezing Level | Above the summits. | Above the summits |

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 1 May, 2024

High pressure to the north and a slow-moving area of low pressure circulating to the south during midweek. Scattered showers possible for the Highlands, but a lot of dry weather - warmest and clearest in the west. Powerful easterly winds will be very gusty by Thursday into early Friday, especially southern Scotland and northern England, then easing. A front brings a risk of persistent rain for Wales on Thursday. Slow-moving weather patterns are likely to continue onward into the Bank Holiday weekend, giving considerable uncertainty of local day-to-day detail, but most likely the wind often light and fairly warm overall. A good amount of dry and bright weather, but risk of locally thundery showers forming.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Monday, 29 April, 2024

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