

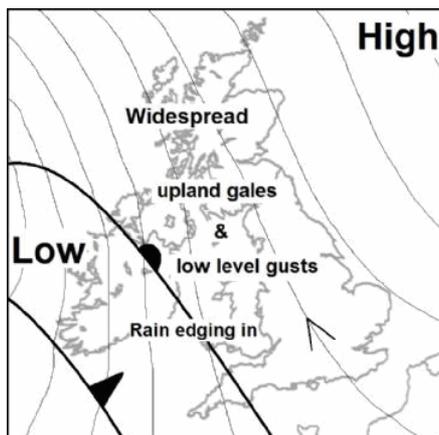
The Northwest Highlands

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 Monday, 15 April, 2019



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 April, 2019

Gale force southeasterly winds across all regions, giving significant wind chill across the hills. Powerful gusts to lower slopes. Most places dry and cloud above hills. Local showers and possible low cloud SE Scotland. Patchy rain also encroaching into Wales from southwest.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Cold, severe upland gales; very gusty. Dry, hills clear.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 15 April, 2019

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly 40 to 50mph, tending to strengthen through morning; locally reaching 55-60mph, mostly on and near Skye.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking difficult on many higher areas. Sudden strong gusts some lower slopes, mainly NW of major ridges and summits. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation not expected
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensive sunshine, although possibly the sun through a veil of high level cloud. Very good or excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3C rising to 2C. Where directly exposed to wind, feeling like -15C or at times -20C.
Freezing Level	600m post dawn; rising to 1050m or above by mid afternoon. Frost many valleys after dawn.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 16 April	Wednesday 17 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southeasterly 25 to 35mph, perhaps 40mph early in day; gusty near/west of major summits. Walking arduous on many higher areas. Sudden gusts lower slopes near/west of major ridges. Significant wind chill.	Southeasterly, 15 to 25mph. Fairly small, but locally gusty to lower slopes. Chilly in exposure.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no rain Much of the region likely dry all day. A risk of patchy rain, or sleet higher tops, encroaching onto western mountains around Skye.	Rain unlikely
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Nearly all confined to higher tops Fragments of cloud here and there below 700m. Cloud will intermittently shroud areas above 900 to 1000m. 60%	Mostly very little Patches of cloud may cap some slopes from dawn, but most hills generally clear. 80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Any sun weak due to high cloud. General haze.	Sunshine may be weak at times due to high level cloud. Visibility good, but rather hazy.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	Between 1 and 4C, highest near west coast. Mostly above the summits, although locally as low as 1050m.	0C rising to 3 to 5C, locally higher western hills north from Wester Ross. Starting around 900-1000m in places, but lifting above all summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 16 April, 2019**

High pressure stays positioned to the east, and a general southeasterly flow will prevail toward the Easter period. Temperatures will tend to rise through the week ahead. Substantially dry conditions, although on Tuesday a little rain or sleet is possible. Some low cloud, focused on eastern hills. Winds often brisk, in places gusty to lower slopes. The ground very dry underfoot - beware of grass fires. Snow patches on higher tops, mainly Lakes and Scottish Highlands.

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