

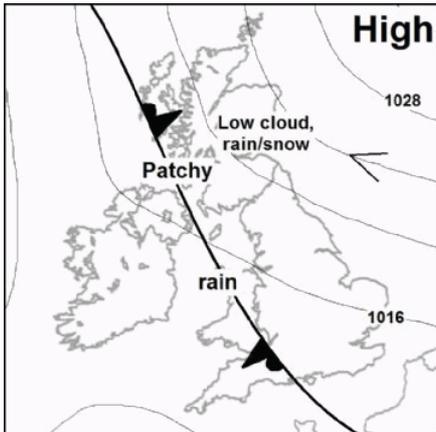
# The Northwest Highlands

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, 16 April, 2019



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 16 April, 2019**

A slow-moving front draped across western Britain brings a zone of patchy rain and drizzle, which locally may persist over many hours. Low cloud affects most hills, but good breaks in N Scotland, also Pennines. Brisk winds, feeling cold where exposed.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Chilly; windy, upland gales in morning. Largely dry.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 16 April, 2019

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southeasterly 25 to 35mph, or 40-45mph early in day; gusty near/west of major summits.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking impeded, or arduous on many higher areas in morning. Sudden gusts lower slopes near/west of major ridges. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Little or no rain</b> The far north likely dry all day. Elsewhere may be largely dry, but patchy rain, (sleet higher tops), encroaching onto western mountains around Skye. In afternoon rain may develop further inland around Kintail and Great Glen, but amounts small.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Nearly all confined to higher tops</b> Fragments of cloud here and there below 700m. Cloud will intermittently shroud areas above 900 to 1000m.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Any sun weak due to high cloud. General haze.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	Between 1 and 4C, highest near west coast. In the wind, feeling close to -12C, or colder at first.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Mostly above the summits, although locally as low as 1050m.

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 17 April	Thursday 18 April
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southeasterly, 15 to 25mph.	Southeasterly, 15 to 25mph, may reach 30-35mph in places west of major ridges.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Fairly small, but locally gusty to lower slopes. Chilly in exposure.</b>	<b>Fairly small, but locally very gusty through passes, cols and to some lower slopes.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain unlikely</b>	<b>Rain not expected</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mostly very little</b>  Patches of cloud may cap some slopes from dawn, but most hills generally clear.	<b>Hills generally clear</b>
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine may be weak at times due to high level cloud. Visibility good, but rather hazy.	Generally sunny. Visibility very good; slight haze.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	0C rising to 3 to 5C, locally higher western hills north from Wester Ross.	5C rising to 7C or locally higher near west coast.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Starting around 900-1000m in places, but lifting above all summits.	Above the summits.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 17 April, 2019**

High pressure stays positioned to the east, and a warmer southeasterly flow prevails toward the Easter period. Temperatures rising day-on-day and it will be dry into the first part of the long weekend at least. Some low cloud, focused on eastern hills. Gusty winds at times to lower slopes, but likely dropping lighter for a day or two. By Sunday into Monday, fronts may approach from the Atlantic as winds turn southwesterly, with indications looking more unsettled next week. The ground very dry underfoot - beware of grass fires. Snow patches on higher tops, mainly Lakes and Scottish Highlands.

**Forecast issued at 15:44 on Monday, 15 April, 2019**

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