

The Northwest Highlands

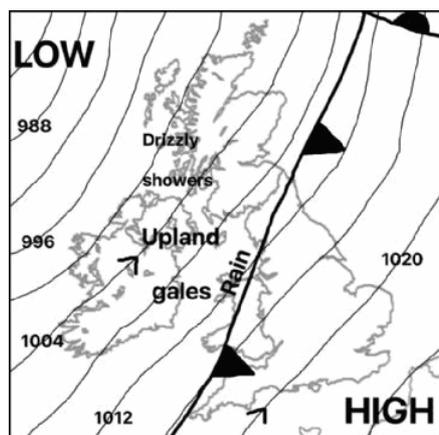
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Tuesday, 17 April, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 April, 2018

A windy day across all areas with widespread upland southerly gales. A cold front, and its associated rain, will edge southeastwards; becoming slow-moving across England and Wales into the afternoon. Drizzly showers will follow across Scotland; these mainly in the west and southwest where hill fog will remain fairly extensive.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Widespread upland gales. Rain then showers; these mainly around Skye.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 17 April, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly in the range 45 to 65mph, strongest in morning when 75mph higher tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking widely difficult or very difficult where exposed on higher areas. Some strong gusts running downslope locally to reach lower slopes. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Rain easing to a few showers Rain edging east in the morning will clear by afternoon. Then showers will follow, often drizzly - most frequent western mountains south from Wester Ross, very little toward the far north. Burn levels high, run-off augmented by snow melt.
Cloud on the hills?	May clear, particularly northern hills Fog extensive higher areas after dawn, but a rise in cloud base will occur and, particularly north of about Torridon, summits may largely clear. However, on and near Skye, cloud may remain persistent above 800m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% around Skye. Lifting to 70% elsewhere.
Sunshine and air clarity?	Cloud may thin to give patches of sunshine. Hazy, although visibility good north.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4C
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 18 April	Thursday 19 April
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly, 25 to 40mph, strongest western coastal mountains.	Southwest in the range 15-25mph, but perhaps 35mph for a few hours around dawn.
Effect of wind on you?	Buffeting where exposed, especially near west coast; locally gusty through passes and to some lower slopes.	May impede walking across higher areas, mainly around dawn.
How wet?	Little or no rain Occasional drizzle may affect Skye, otherwise most likely dry.	No precipitation expected
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly west Low confidence of detail: Banks of low cloud inland should mostly break, leaving most mountains clear. On/near Skye, a greater risk of fog lingering to low levels.	Banks of cloud; breaking inland. Some banks of low cloud, down to lowest slopes, will affect coastal hills, especially on Skye, at times through the day. Elsewhere, patches of cloud here and there from dawn will disperse leaving most hills clear of cloud.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	40% western coastal hills, 70% elsewhere
Sunshine and air clarity?	Hazy sunshine developing; mostly inland and toward the far north. Visibility good, although a general haze around west coast.	Sunshine increasingly breaking through. Visibility generally good or very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4 rising to 7C	5 to 7C, warmest in the east
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the tops

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 18 April, 2018

Southerly winds throughout the week, initially gale force on many mountains. A front moves in from the Atlantic to bring a period of rain on Tuesday, but this will fade. A legacy of low cloud may plague coastal hills in the west, otherwise an increasingly warm and sunny picture will develop by midweek. Although foggy at times across western coastal areas. High pressure should remain broadly in charge into the weekend, although some heavy showers may arrive by Sunday. Considerable snowmelt Scottish Highlands (albeit snow cover still extensive in many areas next weekend).

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