

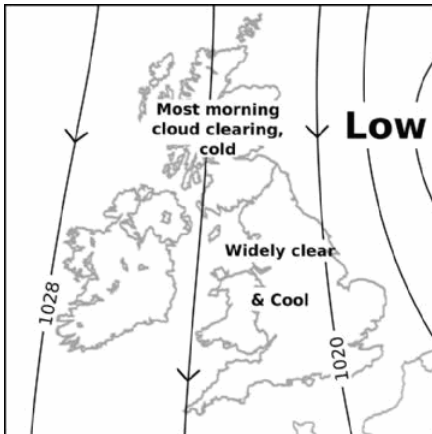
The Northwest Highlands

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 Wednesday, 24 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 24 April, 2024

Widely dry but cold. Occasional snow flurries or hail on high ground. Highlands: widespread cloud layer on upper slopes at first, highest summits may be above this. Lifting and clearing away from the west coast. Elsewhere: odd patch of cloud but most summits will be cloud free all day.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Feeling cold. Extensive cloud, lifting and breaking in the east

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 24 April, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly 20mph, least wind toward Kintail. Becoming northwesterly mid-afternoon onwards.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable wind chill on higher slopes especially morning. May just affect ease of walking on some exposed ridges, especially in the far north.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rare showers Chance of a brief flurry of soft hail or snow.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Mostly little away from west coast Skye and near west coast: Banks of cloud, highest summits may be above this for a time in the morning. Cloud base lifting but may leave patches around west-coastal summits. Kintail, Sgurr More, Beinn Dearg, Ben Wyvis: Patchy cloud base lifting and often breaking above the tops. 40% west; 70% east
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Broken cloud and sun. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-2C to 0C, rising to +1 or 3C. Wind chill feels like -5C to locally -10C in morning on some tops. 700 to 900m, lowest in north in morning, plus frost in sheltered glens at first. May lift just above tops Skye to Kintail areas.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 25 April	Friday 26 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northerly 15 to 20mph, at times 25mph some exposed tops. Fairly small effect on walking, but continued notable wind chill on hills.	Light winds, likely northeasterly but may be variable in direction. Risk of up to 15mph on Skye. Negligible. Risk of marked wind chill on Skye.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers developing A scattering of showers forming increasingly during the day, with hail, plus snow flurries at times falling to mid-heights.	Risk of showers Showers developing, especially in the afternoon. Will fall as sleety snow or hail on high ground.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Occasionally on higher areas Patches of cloud forming over some slopes in the morning, bases lifting toward the summits and many mountains will clear. Local fragments returning around showers. 70%	Lifting above most tops Patches of cloud on higher slopes, especially during and after showers. Base rising towards or above highest tops. 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Variable cloud and sun, best in morning. Visibility excellent.	Widespread sunshine near west coast in morning will become more patchy in the afternoon. Overcast inland. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-3C rising to 0 or +1C. Wind chill feeling like -5 to -10C, coldest in morning. 600 to 800m, lowest in north in morning, frost some glens; rising toward 900m, locally 1000m+ near Kintail into afternoon.	-1C in morning rising to around 2 to 3C late afternoon. Feeling -5C or below on Skye. 700m in morning rising to 1100m mid-afternoon onwards. Frost many glens at dawn.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 25 April, 2024**

Remaining cold, especially northern England and Scotland. Initially winds remaining light but showers becoming more likely, falling as snow on high ground. Small but active low bringing wind and precipitation to England and Wales on Saturday and across UK on Sunday. Remaining showery into the early part of next week.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Tuesday, 23 April, 2024

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