

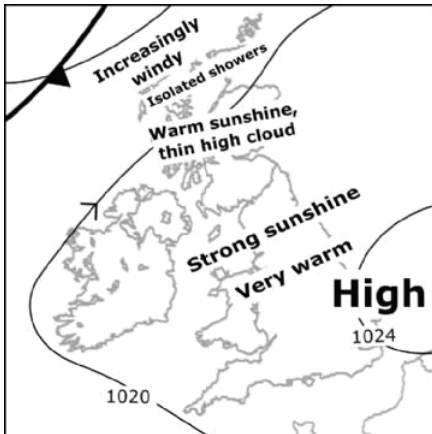
The Northwest Highlands

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, 30 April, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 30 April, 2025

Fine and warm, or very warm Wales and Pennines. Strong sunshine, some thin high cloud; beware sunburn and dehydration. Toward northwest Scotland, strengthening southwesterly winds, more cloud at times, one or two brief showers. Into night, some rain moves into Scotland from the west.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Increasingly windy. Local brief showers, patchy coastal cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 30 April, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 25 to 35mph, speeds strongest into the afternoon, later in day risk 40mph over higher tops near/north of Ullapool.
Effect of wind on you?	Increasingly blustery on higher terrain, affecting balance and comfortable walking where exposed on ridges. Becoming more arduous later in day, especially north.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Local showers possible; some rain into night. Fine drizzle where in cloud particularly Skye. Brief showery bursts passing northeastwards during the morning, possibly a local heavier burst in Sutherland in afternoon. Into night, patchy rain associated with a front coming in from west, briefly may be locally heavy.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied patches; lowering into night Toward the west coast, cloud banks above 700-800m in morning, tending to lift and break. Further inland, patches mostly above 800-900m lifting above most tops afternoon. Clearer overall toward Ben Wyvis. Evening into night, lowering cloud from west, filling in to mid-slopes near west coast.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine and varied high cloud. Visibility mostly very good, misty for a time around Skye.
How Cold? (at 900m)	8 to 10C west coastal mountains, rising to 13C well inland and eastern hills. Directly in the stronger wind, feeling closer to freezing.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 1 May	Friday 2 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly 30-40mph, strongest toward north, risk occasional 50mph Ben Hope middle of day into afternoon. Walking at times strenuous with considerable buffeting and wind chill. Risk of arduous walking in the far north.	Westerly 25 to 35mph, risk 40mph over tops in the far north. Blustery, affecting balance on exposed ridges; further north risk more arduous on tops. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery rain on and off Bursts of showery rain, occasionally more frequent. Chance of some drizzly moments along the west coast in low cloud.	Light showers Occasional brief showers, a snow flurry on higher Munros early morning.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive at first, improving, breaks inland Coastal slopes extensively covered at dawn, bases 600-800m further inland. Will lift somewhat, but always risk of low fragments near the west coast. Inland, cloud breaking to passing patches over high tops.	Rising to tops, clearing at times Patches of cloud likely to come and go on western mountains above 800-1000m in the morning, lifting with time to higher slopes, but may come and go on tops.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%, becoming 70%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Intermittent sun developing as high cloud breaks up. Excellent visibility out of fog.	Fairly cloudy, but some sun breaking through for periods. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	2 or 3C Lowering early in day to be around 1100m.	1C rising to 4C. Wind chill feeling like -7 to -10C. Near highest summits around 1000-1100m from dawn, lifting above all tops into middle of day onward.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 1 May, 2025

Dropping colder across the Highlands by Thursday, near to freezing on higher summits; strong westerly winds in the north giving considerable chill factor and bringing a few showers. Warmer further south - risk of local thundery rain for Wales later Thursday. High pressure centred toward the northwest maintains plenty of dry weather over the Bank Holiday weekend with broken cloud and sun; brief local showers possible. Cool and breezy toward north and eastern mountains, lighter winds and warmer toward southwest Highlands, Cumbria and west Wales. Further into next week, risk spells of chilly and strong west-northwesterly winds particularly for the Highlands, some showery days.

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