

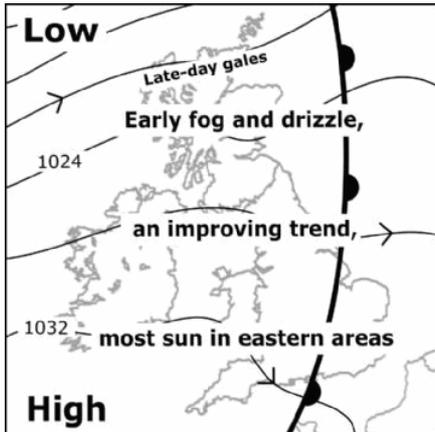
The Northwest Highlands

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, 31 March, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 31 March, 2026

A foggy, drizzly start for most, fog to lower slopes in western coastal areas. Fog lifts with time and drizzly rain eases, bursts of sun breaking out east, and perhaps more widely afternoon. Fog and drizzle lingers longest west Scotland and south Pennines. Blustery early, easing for most; a mild feel in England and Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Windy, particularly north; fog and drizzle, mostly west

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 31 March, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 30 to 40mph, very gusty in places around exposed high tops and ridges. Strongest wind Ullapool and north, speeds approaching 50mph here later in the day.
Effect of wind on you?	Very blustery in exposure, making balance difficult on ridges, sudden buffeting in places with considerable wind chill. Walking most strenuous in the north, and becoming arduous or challenging with time.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly rain high tops and western slopes Drizzly over western mountains and high tops well into the day, some steadier but mostly light rain at times. Combined with some snow melt, rock surfaces will be very slippery. Smaller amounts of occasional drizzle further eastwards, and tending to ease as the afternoon goes.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, lowest in west Blanket low cloud across the mountains, from lower elevations upward near to west coast in the morning. Tending to rise a little during day, but likely to shroud many hills all day above 600-800m, local higher breaks east, best chance of summit breaks Ben Wyvis to Munros east of Ullapool, though likely only brief.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Cloudy and misty, some brighter moments may emerge mainly inland and east, where visibility good if below cloud, but generally poor over the hills.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4 or 5C, may locally approach 6C where in sun to the north/east. Feeling like -7 to -10C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above freezing up to all summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 1 April	Thursday 2 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 40-50mph, stronger gusts early in day; uncertain duration, but switching northerly during day 20-30mph. Arduous conditions for several hours at least, buffeting gusts. Effect on walking reduces, but notable chill factor.	Through morning, variable easterlies, 10-15mph. Turning southerly, strengthening to 25-35mph; strongest Skye, risk 40mph. Small in the morning, gradually deteriorating, walking becomes strenuous in the west with notable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy rain then snow, late hail showers Rain likely persistent over western mountains, often heavy for several hours at least, becoming increasingly snow on hills, to lowering elevations from the north. May break into showers with hail late in the day.	Substantially dry A few odd spots of snow flurries/drizzly rain on Skye, but otherwise dry well into the day. As evening approaches, an increasing risk of rain arriving from the west, snow above 600-700m.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, may improve Covering the mountains widely during precipitation, from low-to-mid slopes up in west. Bases then rising variably, breaks may form higher up in the north later in the day.	Summits often clear Some variable cloud patches at several heights from before dawn, these lifting and mostly dissipating for clear hills. Occasional cloud patches will drift over the high tops, but clear periods likely as well. Increasing risk of cloud over the Cuillin ridge afternoon into evening.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Below 10%, rising to 30% northern Munros	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, dull, poor visibility in rain, very poor in snow and cloud, possible whiteout for periods. May improve in the north late in the day.	Often sunny, some high cloud at times weakening the sunshine. Very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	4C at first, tending to drop, possibly soon to 0C in north, later -3C. Feeling like -10C in exposure to wind. Above summits from dawn, lowering onto high tops from north, a more rapid drop with time to 600m or lower.	-3C lifting to -1C. Feeling as cold as -10C in wind later in the day. Poorly defined early; 400-600m, frosts at lower elevations too, including glens. Rising, approaching 800m.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 1 April, 2026

A drop of temperature is expected across Scotland during Wednesday as a band of rain drifts slowly southwards, turning to heavy upland snow. Atlantic weather patterns and west-southwesterly winds follow behind into the start of the Easter period at least, but day-to-day detail is uncertain. Temperature and wind will be variable, periods of gales and possibly often cold over the mountains with snow and hail showers at times to lower elevations at least in Scotland, sometimes more widely, mixed with some spells of rain - precipitation generally most frequent west and northwest, though bands of heavy rain will sweep east at times. Some windows of drier and brighter conditions, as well as milder days in England and Wales, occasionally milder Scotland too.

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