

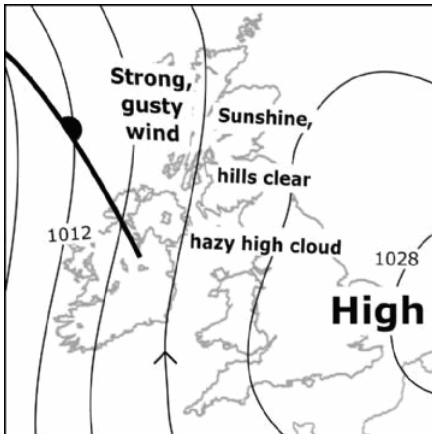
The Northwest Highlands

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 Monday, 6 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 6 April, 2026

Gusty southerly winds, strongest on west coastal mountains in Scotland. A chilly start with frost, notably chilly at first in the Highlands, gradually warming up to rise above freezing later to all tops. Generally dry, with sun and a veil of high cloud, but most hills clear. A little rain may graze western Scotland later.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Gusty wind, to gale force Skye. Mostly dry, a little rain later west.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 6 April, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwest then southerly, 25 to 40mph, strongest on Skye, locally lower speeds Sutherland in the morning.
Effect of wind on you?	Affecting ease of walking and balance on western ridges, particularly Cuillin with frequent buffeting here. Notably gusty some downslopes to north. Smaller eastern areas.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Light rain or drizzle mostly Skye afternoon Many places dry all day. A little patchy rain or drizzle mostly Skye and nearby mainland - later afternoon into evening becoming more generally damp in cloud on Cuillin. Substantial fresh snow cover across the mountains, a covering to lower elevations.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly around Skye, little if any north/east Patchy cloud banks over west coastal hills, most persistent on Skye where risk filling in to lower elevations for periods, especially on south Cuillin afternoon onward. Many tops toward the north and east of the region clear all day.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40% Skye, to 90% north/east areas.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun mostly weak through high cloud, very good visibility inland, north and east. Thicker overcast skies likely around Skye where hazier, risk often poor visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C from dawn, rising to +2C locally +4C afternoon. Feeling like -8 to -12C directly in wind.
Freezing Level	Hard frost inland glens in morning, much mountain terrain frozen all day, but air temperature rising above freezing to tops by late in day.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 7 April	Wednesday 8 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly 30 to 50mph, locally very variable, typically strongest Skye; powerful gusts on some downslopes to north. Challenging conditions over the Cuillin; variable but sudden buffeting gusts also elsewhere, not necessarily on tops.	South to southwesterly 20 to 35mph, strongest toward west coast, tending to strengthen during day, later 40-50mph. Fairly small eastern areas for many hours, but more blustery west, likely to become more gusty and challenging with time.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain later west Patchy rain pushing onto west coastal areas in afternoon, mostly spots from high cloud, possibly an odd burst of rain forming mainly later in the day. By evening onward, more persistent rain setting in west, patchy inland and east.	Rain or summit snow more likely later A little patchy rain, an odd showery burst possible, small amounts. Later in day, more persistent rain likely returns from the west. Some sleet or snow falling above 800m.
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any much of day Patchy mist some glens at first. The mountains generally clear much of the day, but later some cloud banks form on and near Skye, mainly south Cuillin, filling in further by evening onward into night.	Some patches, lowering later west Patchy cloud around some slopes at varied heights from dawn, becoming confined to higher tops, tending to break up. Then later in day, likely lowering more extensively from west, filling in soonest on Skye.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun best early in day, becoming fairly weak through high-level cloud, tending to thicken to cover the sky. Visibility excellent; Skye may be hazier.	Occasional sun mostly morning in northern areas; a veil of high cloud thickens again. Visibility excellent, reducing later if rain develops west.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	6C rising to 10C, locally warmer north. Directly in the stronger wind, feeling below freezing, in places nearer to -5C. Above the summits. Possible slight frost some sheltered inland glens at dawn.	1 or 2C, slightly warmer toward east. Feeling like -10C directly in the wind, risk later nearer -15C. Likely close to freezing on higher tops around 1000-1100m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 7 April, 2026**

Quite warm by Tuesday, but strong to gale force southerly winds widely, very gusty in places, not just over the highest tops; dry for many, rain encroaching into western Scotland, thawing of recent snow. Staying warm on Wednesday for England & Wales at least, becoming cooler over western Scotland, then more widely cooler Thursday; milder by Friday, then likely chilly again by weekend - cooler spells will drop sub-zero on Scottish tops. A changeable mix of weather with some rain and showers with snow or hail on the hills, and often windy late week into the weekend in Scotland, whilst England & Wales will be generally drier and less windy in the outlook.

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