

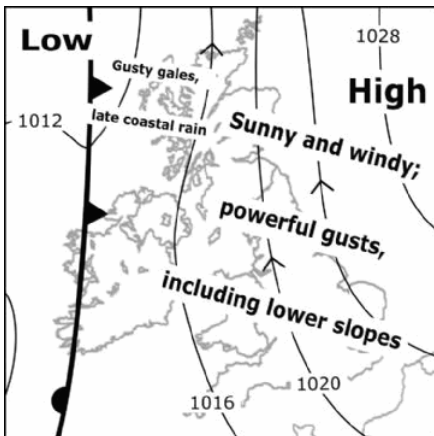
# The Northwest Highlands

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, 7 April, 2026



### British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 7 April, 2026

Patchy mist in some sheltered valleys at dawn, soon dissipating for sunshine and cloud-free hills, locally hazy. Mild temperatures, including to summits, particularly Wales where summits may be several degrees warmer than mid-slopes. High cloud builds, thickest north and west, some rain northwest Scotland later.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Gales with powerful gusts; clear hills but high cloud building

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 7 April, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southerly 30 to 50mph, locally very variable but strongest in the west/Skye. Powerful gusts likely, not just on the higher slopes, and may more widely approach 40-60mph for a few hours.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Challenging conditions over the Cuillin all day, likely more widely challenging for several hours, though a few periods where effects less severe in the east. Sudden buffeting gusts at all heights.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Rain arriving onto Skye and west coast afternoon into evening</b> Patchy rain begins pushing onto Skye afternoon, mostly spots from high cloud, gradually setting in and reaching other west coastal areas with time, a risk of a heavy burst too. By evening onward, more persistent rain setting in along the coast, patchy inland and east, if any.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Little if any much of day</b> 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; inland Munros likely clear until nightfall.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Bright sunshine early in the day, high cloud around, this thickening with time, to mostly block the sun by later afternoon. Visibility excellent; Skye may be hazier.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	7 or 8C from dawn, rising to 10 to 12C, mildest in the north. Only little change with added height. Directly in the stronger wind, feeling below freezing, in places nearer to -5C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits. Possible slight frost some sheltered inland glens at dawn, most likely south.

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 8 April	Thursday 9 April
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	South to southwesterly 15 to 25mph, strongest west coast and strengthening, 35-45mph, 50mph gusts Cuillin later.  <b>Fairly small eastern areas for many hours, but more blustery west, likely to become more gusty and challenging with time.</b>	A gusty westerly 20-30mph, a risk of stronger wind later in the day with a slight northwesterly shift.  <b>Walking inconvenienced in exposure, feeling chilly with occasional stability challenges, particularly later.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Mostly dry, patchy rain later</b> A little patchy rain, an odd showery burst possible, small amounts. Late in the day, patchy rain returns to Skye, and more widely into night.	<b>Morning rain followed by showers</b> A band of rain passes east across all areas through morning, locally heavy on the west coast, followed by showers, falling as snow to 500m, some hail mixed in too, the showers gradually easing in intensity.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Some patches, lowering later west</b>  Patchy cloud some slopes at varied heights from dawn, becoming confined to higher tops, tending to break. Banks cling to the upper Cuillin slopes, but tops may be just above the cloud later. Later, likely lowering more extensively from west, soonest Skye.  <b>50%</b>	<b>Coming and going on high terrain</b>  Extensive from dawn to at least middle slopes, lower in the west. As rain eases, cloud lifts and breaks to mostly above 800m, clear summits at times, but returning in showers; west coastal hills most often covered, locally to 600m in showers.  <b>Rising to 50%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun mostly around midday hours in the north; a veil of high cloud thickens again later. Visibility excellent.	Bursts of bright sunshine between showers. Very good visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	2 to 5C, coolest near the west coast, and may warm a degree in the east. Later feeling like -10C in wind. Above the summits.	-1C most of the day, may vary by a degree. Feeling like -10C in direct wind.  Lowering from overnight, 1000m at dawn, gradually lowering further, to 700-800m.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 8 April, 2026

Variable temperature in the near term: warm on Wednesday for England & Wales at least, becoming cooler over western Scotland as a cold front sweeps eastward; more widely cooler Thursday with freezing temperatures on high terrain and snow showers; milder by Friday with some sun in England and Wales, settling on near-average temperatures over the weekend. A changeable mix of weather during this period with some rain and showers with snow or hail on the hills, and often windy late week into the weekend in Scotland. More settled England and Wales but a few windy, wet spells will affect these areas too. Into the following week, first indications of high pressure building, winds shifted easterly bringing some rain to eastern areas but often sunny with lighter wind and near-average temperatures.

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