

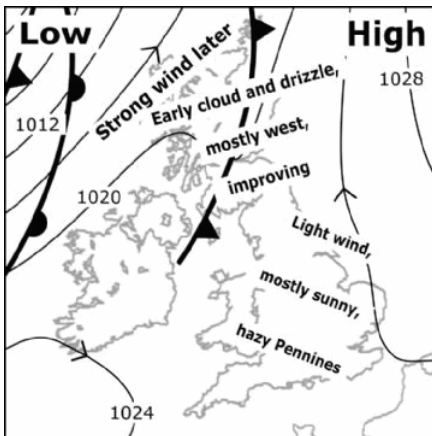
The Northwest Highlands

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, 8 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 8 April, 2026

Light wind and warm England and Wales; mostly clear hills and often sunny; some haze weakens visibility, notably Pennines. Some hill-cloud lingers in Lakeland. Morning cloud and summit drizzle west/central Scotland, cloud moves east but an improving trend; wind strengthens northwest, cooler here too.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Morning cloud and drizzle, breaking; windy later

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 8 April, 2026

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Southwesterly 15 to 25mph, strongest west coast and strengthening through the day to 25-40mph, stronger gusts right along the west coast, up to 50mph high Cuillin terrain later.</p> <p>Fairly small eastern areas for many hours, but more blustery west, likely to become more gusty and challenging with time, maintaining stability becoming difficult along the west coast into evening.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Some morning drizzle, dry afternoon</p> <p>Through morning, some fine drizzle drifting around the high tops, this gradually easing, likely dry by noon. A chance of some light patchy rain reaching Skye as night falls, then rain overnight.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Extensive early, lifting and breaking with time</p> <p>From dawn, a fairly extensive layer of cloud from at least the middle slopes upward, likely to low slopes of the south Cuillin. A rising trend with time, breaks to summits forming afternoon, though cloud likely lingers over the high tops on Skye and nearby, only clearing later afternoon.</p> <p>20%, rising to 70%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Overcast in the morning, sun gradually breaking out as hill cloud clears, but high cloud will weaken the sun's strength.</p> <p>Visibility excellent.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>2 to 5C, coolest near the west coast; little change with added height in the morning. May warm a degree.</p> <p>Later, feeling as cold as -8 to -10C in strongest wind.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 9 April	Friday 10 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West-southwesterly 20-30mph, a risk of stronger wind later in the day with a slight northwesterly shift, up to 40mph. Walking inconvenienced in exposure, feeling chilly with occasional stability challenges, particularly later.	Southwesterly 20-30mph at dawn, shifting southerly and strengthening to 50-65mph by evening, strongest Skye. Walking increasingly difficult with severe wind chill; you may struggle to stay on your feet in exposure near the west coast.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Morning rain followed by showers A band of rain passes east across all areas through morning, locally heavy early, soon followed by showers, falling as snow to 500m, some hail mixed in too, mostly in southern areas.	Patchy rain/snow Scattered patchy precipitation drifts from the south, mostly coastal slopes, falling as snow to 300m or lower at dawn, but this level rising. A risk of more extended falls around Skye and nearby afternoon, snowfall level approaching 800m.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Coming and going on high terrain 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. Rising to 50%	Mostly high Cuillin, often clear inland; deteriorating The Cuillin often shrouded above 700-800m, odd higher breaks possible in the morning; inland mountains often clear of cloud. Cloud becomes more persistent on the Cuillin with time, bases lowering to middle slopes, with cloud grazing most tops (at least) by dusk. 40% Cuillin, 70% inland, all lowering later
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of bright sunshine between showers; cloudier early in the day. Very good visibility.	Sun through high cloud, brighter inland and north. Trending cloudier afternoon west. Good visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	Around 0C most of the day, but trending towards -1C west, occasionally milder east. Lowering from overnight, 900-1100m at dawn, gradually lowering further, to 700-800m.	-2 or -3C, rising to +1C, staying lifted for a few hours into night. Later, feeling as cold as -15C in wind. 400-600m, lowest well-inland, also some light frosts in inland glens. Gradually lifting, to 900-1000m.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 9 April, 2026

Variable weather regimes in the extended forecast. Atlantic west-southwesterly winds will be dominant, with low pressure to the northwest of the country, brining cloud, rain, and mild temperatures, often followed by sun, showers, and cooler temperatures; rain will be increasingly common to the high Munros, but the snowfall level will lower too during periods of cooler weather, and perhaps to high Lakeland fells too, though any snow unlikely to accumulate here.

In the longer term, indications of high pressure increasingly building from the southwest, brining drier, brighter, and milder conditions to England and Wales and occasionally Scotland too, though the risk of occasional rain and cooler temperatures remains.

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