

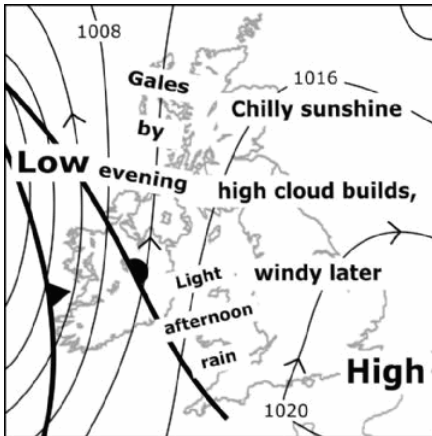
The Northwest Highlands

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 Friday, 10 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 10 April, 2026

A few morning snow flurries in west Scotland, then dry and sunny for most. Cloudier in Wales, some light afternoon rain; high cloud gradually weakening the sun more widely. Wind strengthens from the west afternoon, most notably in Scotland where reaching gale-force in exposure by evening, severe in west around dusk.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Chilly sunshine; wind strengthens, gales into evening

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 10 April, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 15-25mph at dawn, strongest north and east. Shifting southerly and easing through morning, 10-20mph. Shifting southeasterly and strengthening afternoon, to 40-55mph by evening, strongest Skye. Reaching 70mph soon after dark in west.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small much of morning, some blustery spots in exposure, then a rapid deterioration through afternoon, quickest near Skye, where walking becomes difficult by dusk with severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Mostly dry; some early scattered showers Well-scattered snow showers at dawn, soon largely confined to southern Munros, nearly entirely dry through afternoon, small chance of an odd shower on Skye. Snow arrives from the southwest after dark, rain on low slopes.
Cloud on the hills?	Patchy cloud early, mostly on Cuillin, lifting for clear Munros afternoon Some patchy cloud on middle and upper slopes at dawn, this soon dissipating for many cloud-free Munros; banks of cloud come and go on the Cuillin above 700-800m for a time, but these bases will rise too, for substantially clear Munros afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40% Cuillin in the morning, rising to 80% widely afternoon
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Often sunny, though some fair weather cloud builds afternoon. High cloud also building from the southwest later afternoon. Very good visibility, some early haze.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2 or -3C, rising to 0C, to +1C from Ben Wyvis to Ben Hope. Later, feeling like -15C or colder in strongest direct wind.
Freezing Level	400-500m early in day, perhaps 600m Cuillin. Lowest well-inland, also some frost in inland glens. Gradually lifting to 800m, though locally 1000m toward Ben Wyvis.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 11 April	Sunday 12 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly 30-40mph, quite variable, at times lighter winds east and north. Stronger speeds early and late, 50mph. Strenuous walking with significant wind chill all day. Balance and stability more substantially challenged early and late.	Southerly, uncertainty about peak speeds, likely varying 30 to 50mph, chance 60mph+ particularly west coast tops. Expect often arduous walking with powerful squally gusts knocking you off balance. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent snow/hail showers Dawn rain and snow soon clears east, followed by streams of snow and hail showers, mostly Skye and nearby, rain below 500m; a risk of isolated lightning. Showers trending northward afternoon, easing later in the day.	Heavy showers, hail, snow Broadly showery, most frequent all day toward Skye and Torridon, but increasingly widespread north/eastward by afternoon; heavy bursts with hail, snow at times falling toward 600m, risk of isolated thunder.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Mostly early, improving to many clear tops Most Munros shrouded at dawn from at least 800m and up, lower bases on southern slopes, soon beginning to lift and break from Skye and gradually more widely. Cloud returns to the summits in the south and west in showers, eastern Munros often clear through afternoon. 30% rising to 80%	Varying, most persistent near Skye Frequently covering western tops from Wester Ross to Skye above 800m, some patches to 600m or lower in showers, but brief breaks to upper slopes. Better breaks further north/east away from showers. 20% west, to 40% north/east
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine increasingly common, perhaps more extensive later. Very good visibility but suddenly very poor in rain/snow.	Intermittent bright sunshine, but rare around Skye. Visibility changing suddenly from very good to briefly appalling in snow/hail and cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-1 to 0C, coolest early. May rise locally to +1C. Feeling like -15C in direct wind. Variable, around 600-700m, lower frosts in the morning, and tending to rise, perhaps towards 900m.	1 or 2C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C. Mostly 1000m or above, may be briefly lower, particularly around showers.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 11 April, 2026**

Showers and sunshine this weekend, windy with gales at times, and cool temperatures bringing snowflakes to some middle slopes. Variable weather regimes next week: Atlantic west-southwesterly winds likely dominant, with low pressure to the northwest of the country, bringing 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, though any snow unlikely to accumulate here.

Next weekend, indications of high pressure increasingly building, bringing drier and brighter conditions with mild days, though the risk remains of occasional rain and cooler temperatures, notably in Scotland.

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