

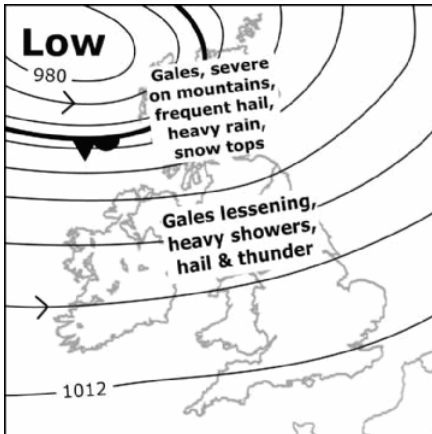
The Northwest Highlands

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 Sunday, 12 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 12 April, 2026

Gales will be severe all day over Scottish mountains, whilst upland gales gradually lessen for northern England, easing sooner in Wales, but remaining blustery. Widespread heavy showers merging into more constant precipitation in western Scotland, powerful squalls with hail, snow falling at times and risk of thunder.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Severe gales. Frequent to near constant rain, hail, snow.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 12 April, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	South then southwesterly, 50 to 70mph, stronger gusts in showers. Lessening only onward into night.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult walking conditions, any mobility challenging in places, powerful squally gusts could knock you over on exposed terrain. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy showers, hail, snow; more continuous in western areas Showers merging into more constant falls toward Skye and Torridon all day, and increasingly widespread showers north/eastward by afternoon; heavy bursts with hail, snow at times falling toward 600m, chance of isolated thunder & lightning. Snow cover on most higher mountains.
Cloud on the hills?	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.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20% west, to 40% north/east
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	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)	0 or -1C rising to +1 or 2C by afternoon, but dropping slightly during showers. Wind chill feeling like -15 to -18C on tops.
Freezing Level	800-900m from dawn, rising above 1000m, then lowering again from dusk; briefly dropping also in showers.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 13 April	Tuesday 14 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwest then southerly, 20 to 25mph, nearer 30mph early in the day; gusty all day around showers. Fairly small, but more noticeably blustery on some exposed tops, particularly morning, giving considerable wind chill.	South to southeasterly, 20 to 30mph, strengthening in west afternoon, later 40mph. Then after sunset likely 50-60mph. Increasingly blustery, particularly western mountains, starting to affect comfortable walking and balance; marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Hail showers most widely afternoon Showers mostly coastal areas near Skye early morning, then a scattering forming inland into afternoon, most widespread later afternoon, briefly heavy with hail, also snow may fall to 600m. Risk isolated thunder & lightning.	Rain unlikely until night Likely dry all daytime. By evening into night, patchy rain develops from southwest, becoming more persistent further into night.
Cloud on the hills?	Often above hills, varied in showers Patches of cloud forming around some upper slopes in the morning, lifting above many tops. Then occasional banks forming over hills during and after showers. The Cuillin more often covered above 700m in morning.	Little if any Fragments of cloud around some slopes early morning, also mist in some glens at first. Dispersing to leave hills generally clear.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% Skye in morning, otherwise 70%.	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine mostly inland and north in morning, then cloud builds, leaving brief bursts of sun. Visibility excellent, but briefly very poor in showers.	Sunshine best northern areas in the morning, then patchwork of cloud and sun, high cloud gradually builds later. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-1C rising to +1 or 2C, but dropping a few degrees in showers. Wind chill feeling like -7C to near -10C early in day on tops. 800m at first, also frost in some sheltered inland glens; rising above 1000m into middle of day and afternoon.	0C rising to 4C. Feeling colder as wind increases, later in day risk chill factor feels like -10C. 900m early in day, plus frost inland glens around dawn. Rising just above tops, then further above tops later in day.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 13 April, 2026

Chilly and showery conditions to start the new week, hail and a risk of isolated thunder into Monday afternoon, but less windy than the weekend. Drier for much of Tuesday, but rain and strengthening south-southwesterly winds return from the west later. Milder into mid-late week, but Scottish high tops above 1200m close to freezing at times. Wednesday through Friday, showers or some more persistent rain, mostly in the west, accompanied by strong winds, gales over mountains for periods. Higher pressure gradually builds by next weekend, bringing fewer showers and lighter winds; chilly overnight, but fairly mild spring days.

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