

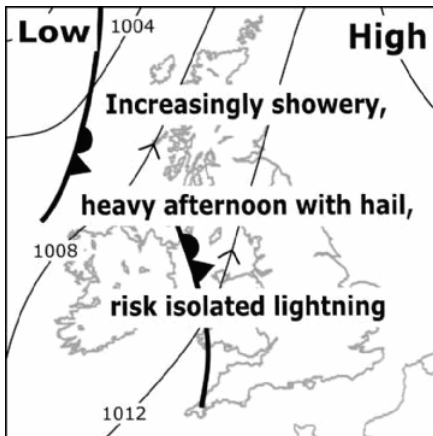
# The Northwest Highlands

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, 13 April, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 13 April, 2026**

Heavy showers with hail from dawn in northwest Scotland, snow falling as low as middle-slopes. Hail showers become widespread afternoon, a risk of isolating lightning. Cloud above most hills between showers. Chilly temperatures, slightly rising in sun, but suddenly chilly again around showers and also gusty.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Hail showers increasingly widespread, risk isolated lightning

## Detailed Forecast for Monday, 13 April, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	At dawn, southwesterly 25-35mph, shifting southerly and easing from the south to around 15-25mph, though may reach 30mph at times west Skye. Frequent sudden gusts around showers.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Fairly small, but more noticeably blustery on some exposed tops, particularly morning and on Skye, giving considerable wind chill. Sudden gusts may briefly affect stability.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Hail showers, most widely afternoon</b> Showers mostly coastal areas near Skye morning, though more widely at and before dawn. A scattering forming inland into afternoon, more widespread later afternoon, briefly heavy with hail and snow falling as low as 600m. Risk isolated thunder & lightning. May continue around Skye well into night.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Often above hills, varied in showers, lingering longer Skye</b> Patches of cloud forming around some upper slopes in the morning, briefly quite extensive near the coast south of Ullapool. Soon lifting above many tops, clearest hills east. Then occasional banks forming over hills during and after showers. The Cuillin more often covered above 700m through morning, best breaks here afternoon.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>30% Skye in morning, otherwise 70%.</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Sunshine mostly inland and north in morning, but high cloud around, tending to build as the day goes leaving only bursts of sun. Visibility excellent, but briefly very poor in showers.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-1C rising to +1C, locally 2C easternmost hills, and may stay near 0C Skye. Dropping a few degrees in showers. Wind chill feeling like -7C to near -10C early in day on tops.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	800m at first, also frost in some sheltered inland glens to the south; rising above 1000m into middle of day and afternoon.

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	<b>Tuesday 14 April</b>	<b>Wednesday 15 April</b>
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	South to southeasterly 15-20mph, gradually strengthening, later 35-45mph, strongest Skye, approaching 50mph dusk. <b>Increasingly blustery, particularly western mountains; later arduous, significant wind chill, balance and stability challenged.</b>	Southerly 45-60mph, very gusty, not just at high elevations, locally variable direction, and may strengthen for a time. <b>Challenging conditions with significant wind chill in exposure all day; constant chaotic gusts making it difficult to stay on your feet.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Late patchy rain from the southwest</b> Through afternoon, a rising risk of patchy rain onto Skye and nearby. Patches will slowly spread more widely as evening approaches, perhaps more frequent into night.	<b>Frequently raining</b> Rain fairly widespread in the morning, local heavy falls, trending patchier to the east and north, staying drizzly on southern high terrain. Rain more persistent on Skye. Rain may set in again later in the day.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Little if any</b>  Fragments of cloud around some slopes early morning, also mist in some glens at first. Dispersing to leave hills generally clear well into the day. Fleeting patches return to high terrain of Skye later, more widely into night.  <b>90%</b>	<b>Fairly extensive, some improvement inland/north</b>  Widely extensive to mid-slopes from dawn, to lower slopes in many places, particularly south Cuillin. A lifting trend in bases, perhaps higher terrain Ben Wyvis to Ben Hope, an odd summit break. Skye stays well shrouded, and later more widely shrouded again.  <b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunny morning, then patchwork of cloud and sun, high cloud gradually builds later. Visibility excellent.	A few glimpses of weak afternoon sun, but otherwise mostly cloudy. Mixed visibility, often poor in cloud/drizzle but very good where out of cloud.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	0C rising to 4C; a degree milder north. Feeling colder as wind increases, later in day risk chill factor feels like -10C. 900-1000m early in day, light frost inland glens around dawn. Soon rising above tops, then further above tops later in day.	6 or 7C, mildest north, and may rise a degree north of Ullapool. Feeling as cold as -10C in direct wind. Above the summits all day, lowering to around 1000m overnight.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 14 April, 2026**

Tuesday starts largely dry and temperatures trend milder than prior days, 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 sees unsettled conditions with showers, occasionally more persistent rain, accompanied by strong gusty winds, gales over mountains for periods, but also brighter spells between rain. With strengthening sunshine, temperatures will tend to rise several degrees during daylight, often becoming warm in the valleys; slopes north of major hill groups often milder. Higher pressure gradually builds through next weekend, bringing fewer showers and lighter winds; chilly overnight, but fairly mild spring days.

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