

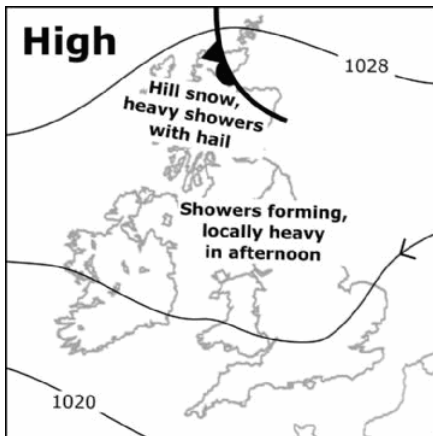
The Northwest Highlands

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, 20 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 20 April, 2026

Hill snow and rain lower down in northeast Scotland from early in the day, locally persistent for a time. Showers form across Scotland and northern England during the day, locally increasingly heavy with hail. Blustery toward northwest Scotland, otherwise fairly light wind until late in day. Staying at freezing on high Scottish tops.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Blustery especially further NW. Hill snow, showers with hail.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 20 April, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northeasterly turning easterly afternoon, 20 to 30mph, gusty in places, particularly Ben Hope area, also at times on Skye. Widely strengthening by dusk onward to easterly 30-35mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Rather blustery with considerable wind chill on exposed higher terrain. Gusts feel more noticeable at times on some hills. More extensively windy late in the day. Considerable chill factor.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery, more frequent north; hail and snow on hills Showers or more frequent precipitation north and eastern areas in the morning, soft hail, also snow falling above 400-500m, later 700-800m, some heavier showers forming more widely, on and off into afternoon, tending to drift westwards.
Cloud on the hills?	Lifting to tops with breaks Cloud banks fairly widely above 600-800m in the morning, but better breaks Torridon area. Base rising toward 900m, with breaks forming higher up and increasingly lifting above many tops afternoon; patches lower in showers.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy, local sun mostly west early in day. Some sun breaking through occasionally. Visibility mostly very good, briefly reduced in showers.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0C rising to 2C afternoon. Where exposed to wind, feeling like -7 to -10C.
Freezing Level	800-900m in morning, plus frost in some glens at dawn. Rising just above freezing to highest tops during the afternoon.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 21 April	Wednesday 22 April
How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 25 to 30mph, gusty in places around tops and some passes.	Easterly 15-20mph, but risk local gusty spots 25mph, mainly western mountains.
Effect of wind on you?	Marked wind chill in exposure, some blustery spots affecting ease of walking.	Fairly small, but locally gusts may feel uncomfortable, not just on higher slopes. Feeling chilly in exposure.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation rare if any Substantially dry. Chance of light spots of rain on eastern hills, snow grains on higher slopes, mostly morning.	No precipitation expected
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly north and east, lifting Cloud banks widely in north and east areas in the morning, to 600m for a time, tending to lift higher. More broken above 800m westwards. Tending to break up widely.	Hardly any west, patchy cloud east West coastal mountains likely clear all day. Cloud banks inland and mainly further east in morning, base around 600m, whilst highest tops may poke above the cloud. Tending to thin, but patches may linger in east.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%	90% west, 60% east/northeast.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy, some brighter sunnier moments mostly west. Visibility very good.	Sunshine all day Skye and much of west coast, broken cloud further east. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0C rising to 3C afternoon. Directly in the wind, feeling as cold as -10C in the morning.	0 to 3C north and east, typically warmer west coast, up to locally 6C afternoon. Feeling sub-zero directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	900m early morning, patchy slight frost some western glens. Rising just above freezing on highest tops.	Around freezing on higher slopes mainly in north and east in the morning, also frost some glens. Lifting above all tops.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 21 April, 2026**

A drier outlook through late April as high pressure resides over Britain, centred generally toward the north. Easterly winds prevail this week, strong and gusty over England and Wales, gale-force in places through midweek. Less windy further north across Scotland and becoming lighter winds everywhere by later in the week. Western mountains generally clear with plenty of sunshine throughout this week ahead, variable cloud at times drifting onto some eastern hills. Some overnight frosts into valleys. Daytime temperatures rising several degrees above freezing to highest tops, warmest in west. Risk of a strengthening chilly northerly wind for a time during next weekend.

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