

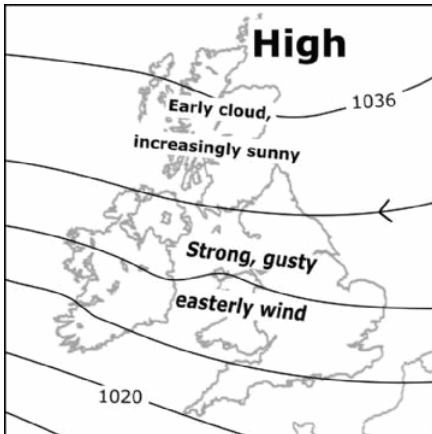
# The Northwest Highlands

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 Tuesday, 21 April, 2026



**British Mountain Summary:**  
**Based on forecast chart for noon 21 April, 2026**

Brisk easterly winds for all areas will give considerable chill factor across the mountains; very gusty toward the west. A little patchy rain at first, otherwise a generally dry day. Cloud banks over the hill early in the day, particularly in the east, but increasingly breaking up to leave clear hills and sunshine.

**Headline for The Northwest Highlands**

Blustery, gusty spots. Cloud breaking, sunshine.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 21 April, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Easterly 25 to 30mph, gusty 35mph in places around tops and some passes, locally downslope to the west, likely strongest near and north of Ullapool in the morning.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Marked wind chill in exposure, some blustery spots affecting ease of walking, local buffeting gusts for a time, mainly northern areas in morning.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Early local dampness fades</b> Around or just before dawn, local light spots of rain mostly on eastern hills, a local snow flurry above 600m. Fading out to leave dry conditions.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mostly north and east early in day, clearing</b> 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 to leave hills largely clear by afternoon or sooner.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>50% rising above 90% afternoon.</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Fairly cloudy start, some brighter sunnier moments mostly west; increasingly sunny. Visibility very good then excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	0 or -1C in morning, rising to 3C afternoon. Directly in the wind, feeling as cold as -10C in the morning, -5C afternoon.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	800-900m early morning, patchy slight frost some western glens. Rising just above freezing on highest tops.

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 22 April	Thursday 23 April
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Easterly 15-20mph, but risk local gusty spots 25mph, mainly western mountains.	East or southeasterly 10-15mph, locally variable lower speeds.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Fairly small, but locally gusts may feel uncomfortable, not just on higher slopes. Feeling chilly in exposure.</b>	<b>Small.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>No precipitation expected</b>	<b>No precipitation expected</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Hardly any west, patchy cloud east</b>  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.	<b>None expected</b>  Some ribbons of fog mostly in eastward draining glens early morning, brief fragments may drift upslope, but the mountains generally clear all day.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>90% west, 60% east/northeast.</b>	<b>Above 90%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine all day Skye and much of west coast, broken cloud further east. Visibility excellent.	Widely sunny, possibly thin high cloud. Visibility excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	0 to 3C north and east, typically warmer west coast, up to locally 6C afternoon. Feeling sub-zero directly in the wind.	4C rising to 8C, locally warmer western areas by afternoon.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Around freezing on higher slopes mainly in north and east in the morning, also frost some glens. Lifting above all tops.	Frost inland glens and some sheltered higher areas at dawn. Otherwise above freezing to the summits.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 22 April, 2026

Staying dry through the remainder of this week and likely into the weekend as high pressure centred to the north stays nearby. Strong and gusty easterly winds tending to lessen later in the week to leave mostly light winds onward into the weekend. Temperatures generally a few degrees above freezing on higher tops, though often some frost in valleys and sheltered higher terrain at dawn. Western areas generally sunniest and warmest, some low cloud banks over eastern hills in the mornings, early fog patches some valleys. Commonly dry weather likely into next week too, chance of local showers occasionally.

### Forecast issued at 16:00 on Monday, 20 April, 2026

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