

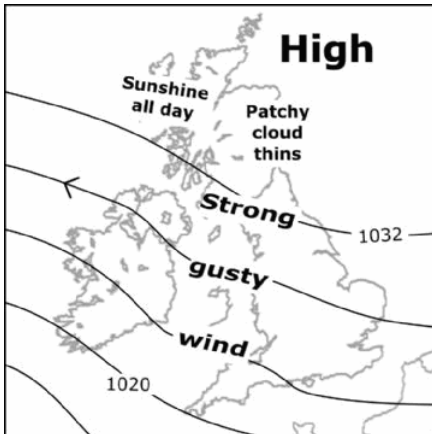
# The Northwest Highlands

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 Wednesday, 22 April, 2026



### British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 22 April, 2026

Easterly winds, very gusty around higher tops and downslope to the west, strongest over England and particularly Wales, where gale-force in places. Dry overall, sunshine all day in western areas, whilst patchy cloud around eastern hills will tend to thin and retreat away to the coast.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Gusty wind. Sunny west, patchy cloud east thins.

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 22 April, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Easterly 15-20mph, but local gusty spots 25mph, mainly western mountains.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Fairly small, but locally gusts may feel uncomfortable, not just on higher slopes. Feeling chilly in exposure.
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	No precipitation expected
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Hardly any west, patchy cloud east</b> West coastal mountains 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>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Practically certain west, 60% rising to 90% east/northeast.</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Sunshine all day Skye and much of west coast, broken cloud further east. 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.
<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.

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 23 April	Friday 24 April
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southeasterly 10-15mph, locally variable lower speeds, but some gusts over 20mph on Skye.  <b>Mostly small.</b>	Variable 10mph or less.  <b>Negligible.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>No precipitation expected</b>	<b>No rain expected</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<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>Practically certain</b>	<b>Cloud not expected</b>  Patchy light mist in sheltered glens at dawn, may briefly begin lifting upslope after sunrise but soon dissipates for cloud-free hills.  <b>Practically certain</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Widely sunny, possibly thin high cloud. Visibility excellent.	Mostly sunny, some thin high-cloud around. Very good visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	6C rising to 9C, locally warmer by afternoon. (Glens start cooler, then locally approach 20C in west afternoon).  Frost inland glens and some sheltered higher areas at dawn. Otherwise above freezing to the summits.	8C rising to 10C; far north may stay cooler. (Glens start much cooler, then approach 20C afternoon).  Above the summits. At dawn, slight frost in some inland glens and possibly sheltered corries.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 23 April, 2026

A settled spell of weather onward through late week into the weekend, with increasingly warmer temperatures on the hills, reaching 10C+ on many tops. Valleys and some sheltered higher areas will start with a risk of frost but increasingly by the afternoons many valleys will warm up toward 20C, particularly in the west. Briefly cooler air may extend back into northeastern areas over the weekend. Strong April sunshine widely across the mountains, beware risk of sunburn. Misty starts in some valleys. After a gusty easterly during midweek, the wind will drop light for most places by late this week. A settled springtime outlook is likely for next week.

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