

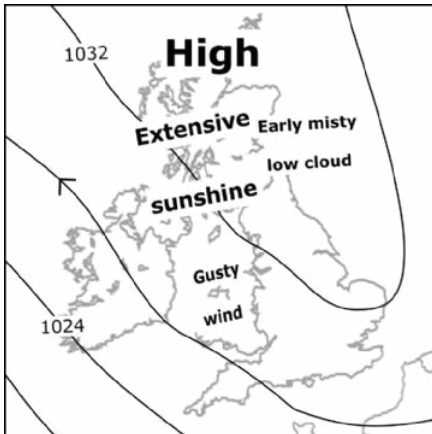
The Northwest Highlands

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 Thursday, 23 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 23 April, 2026

Gusty easterly winds for England, Wales and southern Scotland, but warmer and less windy overall than recent days. Light winds for much of the Highlands. Some early low-level mist, mostly toward eastern Pennines, but the mountains clear with bright sunshine widely; high UV levels, beware sunburn.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Light wind, local gusts. Sunshine, warming up.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 23 April, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	South-southeasterly 10-15mph, locally variable lower speeds inland and toward north, but typically 15-20mph on Skye with some gusts 25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small, but some noticeably gustier spots on Skye, not necessarily on the highest terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No precipitation expected
Cloud on the hills?	None expected Some ribbons of fog mostly in eastward draining glens early morning, brief fragments may drift upslope, but the mountains generally clear all day.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Practically certain
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Widely sunny, possibly thin high cloud. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6C rising to 9C, locally warmer by afternoon. (Glens start cooler, then locally approach 20C in west afternoon).
Freezing Level	Frost inland glens and some sheltered higher areas at dawn. Otherwise above freezing to the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 24 April	Saturday 25 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Variable 10mph or less. Ben Hope area may increase a little westerly 15-20mph. Negligible.	Variable mostly 10mph or less. May become north-northwesterly 20mph, mainly Sutherland. Mostly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain expected	No rain expected
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Cloud not expected, local fog Patchy light mist in sheltered glens at dawn soon dissipates for cloud-free hills. Possibly a layer of fog over the sea off the north coast may lap onto some lower northern hills; tops clear above this. Practically certain	Possible cloud forming over north tops Some low-level mist mainly eastern glens and toward North Sea in the morning. Western mountains toward Skye also Great Glen likely remain clear. Risk of cloud forming across higher slopes with time in more northern areas. 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny, some thin high-cloud around. Very good visibility.	Largely sunny, but may cloud over in northern areas. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	8C rising to 10C; far north nearer 7C. (Glens start much cooler, then approach 20C afternoon). Above the summits. At dawn, slight frost in some inland glens and possibly sheltered corries.	8 to 10C, but may drop several degrees in northern areas, risk below 5C, and feeling sub-zero here if wind strengthens. Above the summits. Patchy frost at dawn inland glens and sheltered higher areas.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 24 April, 2026

A generally dry spell of weather continues into the weekend and next week, with mostly light winds and pleasantly warm temperatures, reaching 10C+ on many tops. Valleys and some sheltered higher areas will see some frosty dawns but by the afternoons many valleys will warm up toward 20C. Briefly cooler air drifts back into northeastern areas later Saturday. Strong April sunshine widely across the mountains, beware risk of sunburn. Misty starts in some valleys.

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