

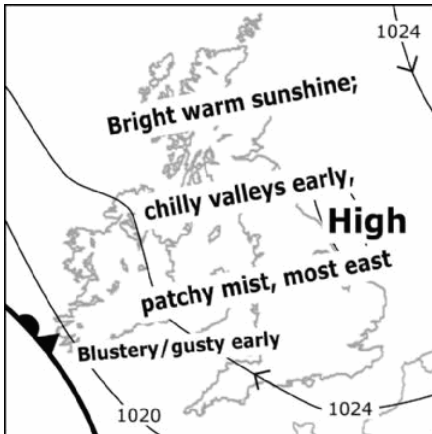
The Northwest Highlands

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 Friday, 24 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 24 April, 2026

Some valley fog/mist at dawn, notably east, local frosts as well. Soon after sunrise, cloud dissipates for widespread strong sunshine and warming temperatures, many valleys approaching 20C, including Scottish Highlands; high UV levels, beware sunburn risk. Negligible wind, though a blustery start in south Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Mild-to-warm sunshine; chilly glens at dawn, patchy mist

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 24 April, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Generally westerly but variable, 10mph or less, though at times breezes around Ben Hope reaching up to 15mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain expected
Cloud on the hills?	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 west coast may lap onto some lower northern hills; tops clear above this.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Practically certain
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny, some thin high-cloud around. Excellent visibility
How Cold? (at 900m)	8C rising to 9 or 10C, mildest in the south where may locally reach 11C. Glens start much cooler, then approach 18C afternoon.
Freezing Level	Above the summits. At dawn, slight frost in some inland glens and possibly sheltered corries.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 25 April	Sunday 26 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Variable mostly 10mph or less. A southwesterly trend into night, up to 15mph. Mostly small.	South-southwesterly 15-20mph, some variability and gustiness, stronger speeds along the coast at times. Fairly small, though blustery and gusty over coastal terrain and high tops at times.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain expected	Rare spots of rain A few spots of rain here and there, greatest chance coastal slopes, but many Munros stay dry.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Cloud forming over north/east tops Some low-level mist mainly eastern glens and toward North Sea in the morning. Cloud forming across higher slopes from the north with time, most extensive Caithness. Western mountains toward Skye also Great Glen likely remain clear. 90%, lowering to 50% north and east	Cloud increasingly covering high terrain Patchy fog in sheltered inland glens at dawn, this soon dissipating after sunrise. A layer of cloud soon arrives onto the high Cuillin, gradually approaching coastal Munros, mostly above 800-900m, and later drifting further inland. Ben Wyvis/east Ullapool clearest well into the day. 90% at dawn, lowering to 40% from west
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely sunny, but clouding over in northern areas. Visibility excellent.	Patchy sunshine, generally weakened by high cloud, sometimes cloudier. Very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	8 to 10C south, nearer 5C in the north, and likely cooling several degrees in Caithness/Sutherland, locally 1C. Above the summits. Patchy frost at dawn inland glens and sheltered higher areas.	6 or 7C; notable local variability, mildest east. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 25 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 and misty dawns but by the afternoons many valleys will warm up toward 20C. Briefly cooler air drifts back into northeastern areas later on Saturday, with a risk of some patchy nuisance rain here and there Sunday into Monday. Strong April sunshine widely across the mountains, beware risk of sunburn. Some uncertainty about the location of the centre of high pressure, with a risk of strong, gusty winds across England and Wales next week.

Forecast issued at 15:20 on Thursday, 23 April, 2026

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