

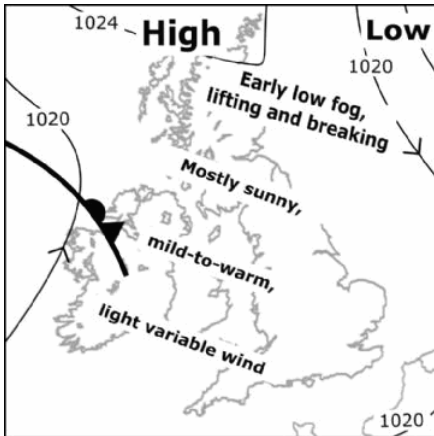
The Northwest Highlands

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 Saturday, 25 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 25 April, 2026

Low fog in north and east Scotland in the morning, lifting and breaking, may linger in eastern areas; chilly here too for several hours. Often sunny England and Wales with warm temperatures; some high cloud around, but beware sunburn risk. Later cooling in southeast Scotland and N Pennines. Negligible wind.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Cloud and chilly north and east; mild and sunny west coast

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 25 April, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Variable though a general northeasterly orientation, 5-15mph, strongest north and often less. Trending southeasterly late in the day, approaching 15mph more widely into night.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Any rain unlikely Small chance of an odd spot of light rain, though likely widely dry all day.
Cloud on the hills?	High north and east Munros; west coast and Skye clear Some low-level mist mainly eastern glens and toward North Sea in the morning. A deck of cloud will often cover the tops from Ben Wyvis to Ben Hope too, most persistent in Easter Ross, though also breaking through afternoon. West coastal slopes and Skye stay clear of cloud.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40% Easter Ross/Caithness, rising to 70%; 90% west coast and Skye
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny on western Munros. More often cloudy to the east and far north, though increasing sunny breaks here too. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	8 or 9C Skye and Kintail. Cooler to the north, around 5C east of Ullapool, and may cool further, perhaps 1C Ben Hope and Caithness for a time.
Freezing Level	Above the summits. Patchy frost at dawn inland northern glens.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 26 April	Monday 27 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	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.	West-northwesterly 10-15mph; some variability, chance of both higher and lower speeds. Fairly small, though occasional inconvenient gusts over high terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, dry periods Showers here and there, tending to come in clusters with heavy bursts, but dry periods are likely as well.	Scattered showers Scattered showers drifting from the north and west, mostly light in nature.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Increasingly over high terrain, some breaks Patchy fog in sheltered inland glens at dawn, this dissipating. A layer of cloud soon arrives onto the high Cuillin, spreading across coastal Munros above 800-900m, then more widely by afternoon. Patchy breaks, best inland. 50%	Lifting to high terrain; slow to improve west Extensive over high terrain at dawn, down to middle slopes at least along the west coast. Bases lift through morning, 600-800m always lowest west. A tendency towards breaks with time, though always a risk of cloud returning above 800-900m, most likely north. 20% rising to 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine, generally weakened by high cloud, increasingly cloudy. Very good visibility.	Glimpses of sun. Visibility very good after cloud lifts.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	6 or 7C; notable local variability, mildest east, and perhaps cooler Skye with time. Above the summits.	4C rising to 7C. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 26 April, 2026**

High pressure remains dominant this weekend and into next week: regularly sunny and pleasantly warm days; summit temperatures often at or above 10C, many valleys will warm up toward 20C afternoon. Risk of sunburn in strong sunshine and very dry springtime ground conditions with high risk of wildfire. Risk of showers Sunday and Monday, which could be heavy Monday, some risk of thunderstorms developing in England, though confidence is low. The middle of next week remains settled with sunshine, patchy dawn mist that soon fades. An easterly wind establishes in Wales from mid-week, then a rising risk of wind pushing northward with rain following. Long-term detail is very uncertain, but a trend towards cooler, more unsettled weather is indicated in early May.

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