

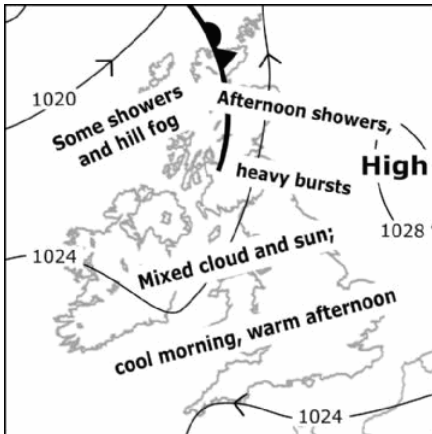
The Northwest Highlands

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 Sunday, 26 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 26 April, 2026

Showers in Scotland spread east, turning heavy afternoon. Fog lowering to high terrain in the west Highlands, becoming cooler here. Patchy dawn mist England and Wales, a broader low layer of sea fog east of the Pennines, lifting for clear hills; risk of a few late showers in north England. A cool start, becoming mild.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Showers, fog spreads across high terrain; cool west

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 26 April, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 15-20mph, some variability and gustiness, stronger speeds along the coast for a time, approaching 30mph in exposure.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, though blustery and gusty over coastal terrain and high tops at times, the strongest wind beginning to impede walking.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, dry periods Showers, tending to come in clusters with some heavy bursts, but dry periods are likely as well. A chance of a larger area of rain south of Ullapool for a few early hours.
Cloud on the hills?	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, bases to 600m along the coast. Patchy breaks, best inland.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%, soon lowering to 30% Skye, then more widely 50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine, generally weakened by high cloud, and increasingly cloudy. Variable visibility, often very good but suddenly poor in cloud and showers.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 or 7C; notable local variability, mildest east, and perhaps cooler Skye and west coast with time, 4 to 5C, and more widely cooler as night falls.
Freezing Level	Above the summits. Some patchy frosts inland glens and elevated corries at dawn.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 27 April	Tuesday 28 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West-northwesterly 10-15mph; some variability, chance of both higher and lower speeds. Fairly small, though occasional inconvenient gusts over high terrain.	Variable 10mph or less. A chance of westerly breezes in the far north to 15mph. Small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers and drizzle, easing Frequent showers early in the day, some heavy bursts, and drizzly on high terrain between showers. A gradual easing tendency through the day.	No rain expected
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Slowly lifting to high terrain Extensive at dawn, down to middle slopes at least along the west coast. Bases lift, 600-800m, variable in showers but always lowest west. More breaks with time but always a risk of cloud returning above 800-900m, most likely north. 20% slowly rising to 50%	Likely clear Patchy mist in sheltered inland glens and elevated corries, soon dissipating after sunrise, most Munros largely cloud-free. The fog likely thicker around Ben Hope early, with cloud banks coming and going above 800m. 90%, 70% Ben Hope
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun. Variable visibility, poor in cloud and rain but increasingly excellent.	Patchy sunshine through high cloud, trending sunnier with time. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	4 to 6C, may approach 7C near and east of Kintail. Above the summits.	5C rising, up to 11C in the far south, staying several degrees cooler Ben Hope. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 27 April, 2026

Monday is likely showery, risk heavy with lightning in England. An easterly wind then gradually establishes in England and Wales, chilly nights and mornings with patchy dawn mist and light frosts, this soon fading for warm days. High pressure remains dominant through the week: regularly sunny and pleasantly warm days; summit temperatures often at or above 10C, many valleys will warm toward 20C or higher afternoon. Risk of sunburn in strong sunshine and very dry springtime ground conditions with high risk of wildfire.

Detail becomes uncertain into next weekend, but a rising risk of showers and longer spells of rain, mostly England and Wales, and likely turning cooler into the following week as wind shifts northerly.

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