

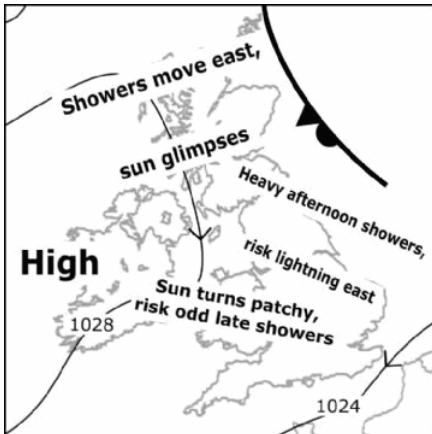
The Northwest Highlands

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 Monday, 27 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 27 April, 2026

Morning showers and fog Scottish Highlands, showers trending eastward, heavier afternoon. Dry morning England and Wales, little hill cloud, then heavy afternoon showers, frequent and locally torrential over the Pennines with a risk of lightning. Little wind, but gusty around afternoon showers, deteriorating into night.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Morning showers and fog; improving, sunny bursts later

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 27 April, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	West-northwesterly 10-15mph in the morning, locally 20mph north, some gustiness too. Trending northerly and easing towards 10mph for most of the day.
Effect of wind on you?	Occasional inconvenient gusts over high terrain in the morning, trending towards small or negligible effects.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers and drizzle, slowly easing Frequent showers early in the day, some heavy bursts, and drizzly on high terrain between showers where in fog. A gradual easing tendency through the day, though scattered showers linger until evening, greatest risk south.
Cloud on the hills?	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 near west coast. Increasingly broken with time, first near Kintail, but risk of cloud returning above 800-900m, most likely north.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20% slowly rising to 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun, longer bursts of sun later in the day. Variable visibility, poor in cloud and rain but increasingly excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4 to 6C, may approach 7C near and east of Kintail. Little or no change towards Ben Hope.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 28 April	Wednesday 29 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Variable 10mph or less. Some stronger breezes near the coast, southwesterly up to 15mph. Small.	Generally southeasterly but variable 10mph or less. Negligible.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain expected	No rain expected
Cloud on the hills?	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.	Little or none Patchy fog inland glens and corries in the morning, mostly southern areas, and soon lifting and largely dissipating for cloud-free Munros. Ragged cloud patches may cling to the high Cuillin for longer.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	90%, 70% Ben Hope	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine through high cloud, trending sunnier with time. Excellent visibility.	Extensive sunshine. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5C rising, up to 11C in the far south, staying several degrees cooler Ben Hope. Above the summits.	8C rising to 12C. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 28 April, 2026**

A core of high pressure lingers northeast of Scotland well into the week. The weather will be mostly sunny but also windy, particularly in Wales and the southern Pennines; challenging conditions are likely for several days on high Welsh mountains, powerful gusts over tops and downslope to the west requiring great effort to maintain stability. Despite Monday showers, dry ground conditions, warm temperatures, and wind bring a high risk of wildfire. More settled in Scotland, though breezy in the west, most hill cloud in the east.

Detail becomes uncertain into next weekend, but a rising risk of showers and longer spells of rain as pressure begins to drop.

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