

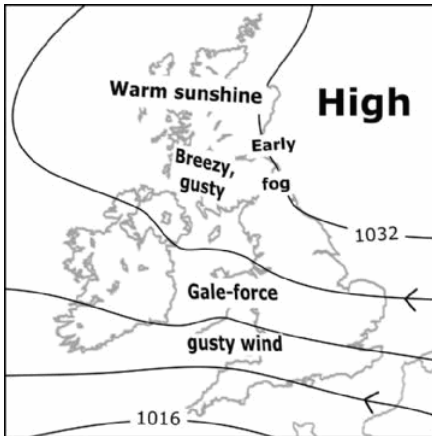
The Northwest Highlands

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 Wednesday, 29 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 29 April, 2026

Dry with extensive strong sunshine all day, beware sunburn. Patchy low-level fog soon clearing early morning. Fairly light wind for much of the Highlands, but gustier further southwest. Strong and gusty easterlies for England and particularly Wales, powerful gale-force gusts downslope in places.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Light wind, local gusts west. Warm sunshine.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 29 April, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southeasterly or locally variable, 10mph or less. Some gustier spots 15-20mph develop on / around Skye.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly negligible, but locally becoming more noticeable in places around Cuillin.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain expected
Cloud on the hills?	Little or none Patchy fog inland glens and corries from dawn, soon dissipating to be clear. Fragments of cloud may cling to the high Cuillin and locally near west coast elsewhere for a few hours, but likely clears.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Above 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Widely sunny. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	8C rising to 12C. (Rising above 20C in glens by afternoon)
Freezing Level	Above the summits. Patchy slight frost at dawn in sheltered inland glens.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 30 April	Friday 1 May
How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southeasterly 15 to 25mph, gusty 30mph in places particularly on Skye.	South to southwesterly, 20 to 25mph, becoming gusty in places, especially if showers occur.
Effect of wind on you?	Varied with some more noticeable gusty spots, mainly around the Cuillin, may start to affect balance on some slopes.	Fairly small, but starting to affect ease of walking on some exposed terrain at times. Feeling increasingly cool.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain expected	Patchy rain, risk a heavier burst High uncertainty - a little rain possible from high-level cloud, here and there an odd burst of rain may form, possibly thundery.
Cloud on the hills?	None expected	Little if any Most or all cloud above the mountains, but locally if rain occurs, odd patches may form at various heights.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Practically certain	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensive sunshine, some thin high cloud particularly toward west. Excellent visibility.	Sun mostly weak through a veil of high cloud, which may thicken to cover the sky. Visibility very good, slight haze develops.
How Cold? (at 900m)	8C rising to 12C afternoon.	9C, likely to drop from west to 6C during day.
Freezing Level	Above the summits. Slight frost inland and eastern glens at dawn.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 30 April, 2026

Dry and sunny through Thursday, but windy with powerful gusts particularly England and Wales. Then a change to more mixed conditions, with sporadic bursts of rain developing on Friday. In the short-term, very dry grass and moorland conditions over mountain terrain continues to present a very high fire risk. Lower pressure into the Bank Holiday weekend - cooler with a mix of sunny spells and showers in the extended forecast, but uncertain local details. Higher Scottish mountains particularly toward the north at least briefly dropping to around freezing over the weekend. Also expect slight frost more widely in sheltered valleys up to dawn through this week and the weekend where skies are clear.

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