

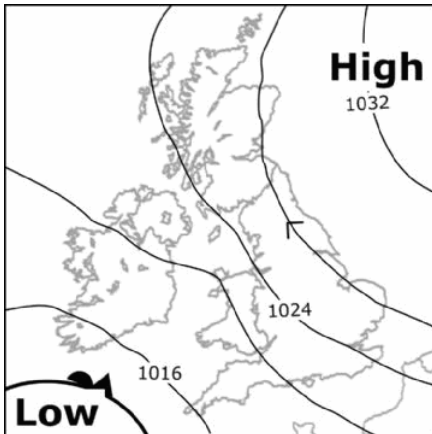
# The Northwest Highlands

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 Thursday, 30 April, 2026



**British Mountain Summary:**  
**Based on forecast chart for noon 30 April, 2026**

Unbroken bright sunshine nearly everywhere - beware of dehydration and sunburn. Windy, particularly morning southern Scotland southwards where upland gales in some areas. SW Wales often cloudy with increasing threat of a shower.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Bright sunshine. Locally gusty wind.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 30 April, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	South to southeasterly 15 to 25mph, but a gusty 30mph in places particularly on Skye.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Varied with some more noticeable gusty spots, mainly around the Cuillin, may start to affect balance on some slopes.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>No rain</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>None expected</b>
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Practically certain</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Unbroken sunshine, although some thin high cloud particularly toward west. Excellent or superb visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	8C rising to 12C afternoon.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits. Slight frost inland and eastern glens at dawn.

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 1 May	Saturday 2 May
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	South, or toward evening southwesterly, 15mph or on coastal hills increasingly 20-25mph. Perhaps widely 25mph evening. <b>Fairly small.</b>	Low confidence in forecast: Direction varied; widely 10mph or less. Possibly between west & north 20mph near coast. <b>Small</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Patchy rain, risk a heavier burst</b> Still some uncertainty: Most, possibly all areas remaining dry, but rain - ranging from a short burst to perhaps steady for an hour - may affect some areas.	<b>Rain on and off, risk heavy bursts</b> Rain intermittently or perhaps extensively, mostly fairly light, but particularly near Great Glen risk heavy thundery bursts by afternoon.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Little if any</b>  Most or all cloud above the mountains, but locally if rain occurs, odd patches may form at various heights.  <b>90%</b>	<b>Very extensive; forming some lower slopes, may well not clear all day.</b>  Particularly toward the coast, cloud may for periods form below 300m. Even well inland, fragments may well form upward from forest canopies, although here most cloud above 600m, and perhaps some breaks to 900m  <b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun mostly weak through a veil of high cloud, which may thicken to cover the sky. Visibility very good, slight haze develops.	Little if any sunshine. The air very clear, but visibility often poor due to rain.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	8C Skye and increasingly western mainland mountains. Elsewhere rising toward a very warm 15C by afternoon.  Above the summits.	Between 2C near north coast, 3 or 4C west coast and 6C well inland.  Above the summits.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 1 May, 2026**

Less settled this weekend and into next week. Rain will not be extensive, but in some areas persistent for a few hours and some heavy, possibly thundery bursts - although particularly by Sunday local detail is as yet uncertain. Temperature levels will drop from the north, indeed early next week overnight and mornings higher slopes will be below freezing point Scottish Highlands, and further frosts are likely in valleys.

**Forecast issued at 15:17 on Wednesday, 29 April, 2026**

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