

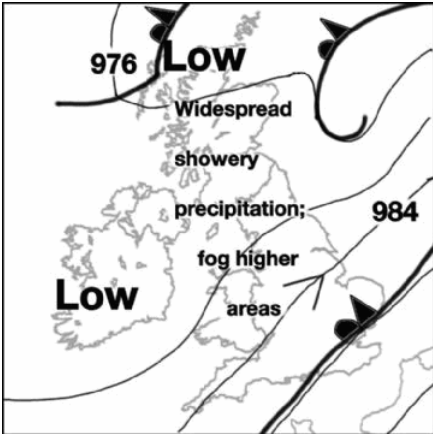
The Northwest Highlands

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 Friday, 29 March, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 29 March, 2024

Centres of low pressure will circulate across Britain, bringing areas of rain (snow higher areas, particularly Scotland) which will gradually transition to heavy showers, and extensive fog to the mountains. It will remain cold. However, in Scotland, winds will be light.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Risk precipitation near coast morning. Light wind. Fog many higher summits.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 29 March, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Mostly south to southeasterly, may in afternoon reach 20 or near Skye 25mph, but often less, particularly morning, when almost windless on some summits.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation on and off; small risk thunder Rain or above 500 to 750m snow close to NW Scotland may envelop coastal areas most of morning (highest risk Sutherland). Otherwise, pockets of drizzly precipitation (light snow above 500m) here and there morning.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Extensive, in places patches on lower slopes Overall fog very extensive, although cloud base will tend to rise. From dawn fragments on lowest slopes, but widespread in precipitation. Generally cloud base lifting by afternoon to 650m, perhaps a few breaks toward 900m, although the cloud base may remain lower southern Cuillin. 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun, mainly afternoon. Visibility good for periods, but very poor in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-1C rising marginally during day. 600 to 750m; may reach 1050m in places afternoon. Slight frost at dawn some valleys.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 30 March	Sunday 31 March
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly 20mph, although near the coast (especially Skye) perhaps 25mph or for part of the day 30mph. Fairly small	Southeast or easterly 10mph, possibly 15mph Skye and nearby mainland summits. Mostly negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy showers, mainly afternoon Morning: isolated pockets rain (or snow above 450m) but nearly all areas dry. From about midday: hail or on higher slopes snow showers developing, in some areas frequent. Risk thunder.	Isolated, if any showers Risk of one or two hail flurries or showers in afternoon.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Extensive at first; mostly lifting to or above higher summits Very varied from dawn; some higher slopes cloud free, but most mountains foggy, in places from valleys up. Will change through morning as cloud base rises. From late morning, cloud base often above 800m, sometimes clearing but lowering again in precipitation. Rising to 50% from midday	All clearing Patches of some higher slopes after dawn will very likely all clear before midday. 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine and very good or excellent visibility. However, visibility abruptly very poor in precipitation, especially snow.	Patchwork of sunshine. Excellent or superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	Around 0C after dawn before reaching 4C mid afternoon. 700 to 900m, rising to above the summits. Frost in many glens at dawn.	2 rising to 5C. Above the summits, although in lowland and upland valleys widely frosty after dawn.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 30 March, 2024

Overall the next week to 10 days will often be cloudy with rain from time to time particularly over England and Wales. However, after widespread hail showers on Saturday, few showers on Sunday (which will also be the warmest day nearly everywhere). Then largely dry Scotland and the Lake District until about Wednesday, but persistent very low cloud (in easterly winds) will shroud all but some western summits in fog. Rain (sometimes snow higher tops) will be more widespread throughout next week Pennines and across Wales.

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