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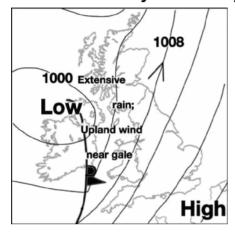
The Northwest Highlands

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, 29 April, 2024



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

Deteriorating - early in the day on many more western areas - as strengthening winds, rain and low cloud associated with a front extends slowly eastwards. The rain will amount to little southern Pennines, and largely dry until later in the day northern Scotland (where precipitation initially snow on the Munros).

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Gradually deteriorating: Increasingly blustery and wet.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 29 April, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Soon south to southeasterly between 10 and 20mph. Slowly strengthening through day, by early evening 20-25mph Sutherland to 30mph from Skye to summits near Great Glen and Ben Wyvis.		
Effect of wind on you?	Small morning, but gradually considerable buffeting and wind chill developing where exposed on higher areas.		
How wet?	Little or no rain morning, then increasingly wet, particularly near Skye		
(Precipitation and its impact)	Substantially dry although slowly from the south, bursts of rain, eventually setting in afternoon on and near Skye.		
	Initial precipitation of snow above 750-1000m before turning to rain.		
Cloud on the hills?	Hills extensively free of cloud		
	Summits most likely cloud free for much of day, but gradually increasing risk of cloud capping higher areas, particularly in precipitation.		
	Toward evening near Skye, cloud may well come in off the sea to shroud even lower slopes.		
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70% dropping to 30%, and toward evening less than 10% Skye		
Sunshine?	Glimpses of hazy sun, mainly morning.		
Air clarity (below cloud)	Excellent visibility before becoming poor in precipitation at times.		
How Cold? (at 900m)	0C rising to 3 or 4C. Will feel as cold as minus 10C directly in the wind.		
Freezing Level	900m, gradually lifting above the summits from the south. Frost in many valleys post dawn.		

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The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 30 April	Wednesday 1 May
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly 25mph, perhaps 35mph at times near Skye.	Southeasterly between 10 and 20mph: generally strongest in the morning.
Effect of wind on you?	Likely to impede ease of walking on higher areas, and near Skye give considerable buffeting and wind chill on some slopes.	Small
How wet?	Little if any rain	Little or no rain
(Precipitation and its impact)	Extensively dry, although risk of the odd burst of showery rain, most likely near Skye.	One or two showers, but most areas dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any	Very little
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A little sun through layers of high level cloud. Very good or excellent visibility.	Cloud layers thinning and breaking to give a patchwork of sun; sunniest toward the coast. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4 rising to 9C	6C rising toward 11C
Freezing Level	Above the summits,	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 30 April, 2024

Considerably warmer this week. Rain from time to time, although from Wednesday largely dry in Scotland and perhaps N England - although the risk of bursts of rain, perhaps thunder. Wales will be most prone to further rain. As yet, considerable uncertainty in the detail next weekend, although ensemble of forecast models suggest light wind, fairly warm with some sunshine. Most uncertain is the extent and locations of possible showery rain or thunderstorms.

Forecast issued at 14:45 on Sunday, 28 April, 2024

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