

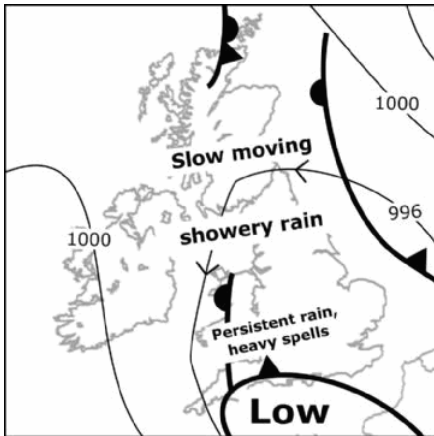
The Northwest Highlands

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 Tuesday, 15 April, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 April, 2025

Patchy rain and hill snow across Scotland. Cloud lifting and breaking, returning in showers. Patchy rain into England as well with more cloud here in the morning. Local slow-moving showery bursts into afternoon. Rain becoming persistent in south Wales and reaching north, becoming windy too with risk of gales here.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Scattered showers, snow on Munros

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 15 April, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly 20-25mph west coastal mountains, 10-15mph inland. Gradually shifting west, then northwesterly through the day, most areas settling near 15-20mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but locally blustery and feeling chilly around coastal mountains in the morning.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Localised showers Scattered showers falling as snow on the Munros, briefly hail to lower elevations; mostly coastal hills near Skye in morning. Showers pushing into inland areas by afternoon, moving around slowly, risk locally heavy.
Cloud on the hills?	Variable patches over higher areas Patchy cloud banks around mid to upper slopes in the morning, lifting to higher tops with breaks forming. Returning and lowering during and just after showers, some lower bases around coastal slopes.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun and thin high cloud, then patchy cloud building up more into afternoon. Visibility very good, reduced in showers, risk locally poor for a time.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1 to 3C, rising slightly through the day. Cooler temperatures return on coastal slopes as dusk approaches, near 1C.
Freezing Level	1000-1100m, or slightly higher away from showers.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 16 April	Thursday 17 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Uncertain forecast detail: Likely northerly 15-20mph, chance increasing to 30mph. Most likely small, but beware of stronger chillier winds at least part of the day.	At dawn, westerly 15-25mph. Shifting southwesterly through the day. Fairly small, higher winds starting to affect comfortable walking.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, hill snow and hail Details uncertain: Possibly just scattered showers with hill snow and hail. Small chance of an area of more persistent rain/hill snow moving in from the south with time, mostly affecting the east.	Showers, developing inland afternoon Sleet/snow showers will drift onto the Cuillin Ridge from the south, risk of hail. Substantially dry north and inland up to middle of day, but then a scattering of afternoon showers.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly patches on tops Occasional cloud banks on upper slopes, more frequent in the north and east. If precipitation develops more widely, cloud becoming more extensive over hills.	Mostly clear, banks over high tops later Mountains mostly clear before afternoon. A few passing banks over high tops becoming more frequent later afternoon. High terrain mostly shrouded on Skye with bases frequently lowering to mid slopes in showers.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50%	30% Skye, 70% mainland
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, few glimpses of sun. Visibility often very good, but reducing where showers occur, chance more widely poor if hill snow sets in.	Some morning glimpses of sun but lots of high cloud around. Good visibility, very poor Skye in snow.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-1 to +1C. If stronger winds occur, chill factor feeling near to -10C. 800 to 1100m, lowest in the morning and around precipitation.	-1C, rising to 2C 800-900m, rising towards 1200m through the afternoon. Some windward hills near Skye maintaining a lower freezing level.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 16 April, 2025

A highly complex weather situation during this week as areas of low pressure circulate slowly near or across the British Isles. A mix of showers with hail and snow on hills, but at times a risk of more persistent and widespread rain and hill snow - particularly Wednesday, but a similar risk continues into the Easter period. Occasional windows of dry and clear conditions locally. Wind speeds very variable, often light, but beware periods of strengthening markedly to gale force over the hills. Temperatures generally cool, particularly compared to recent times, often near or below freezing on higher mountains.

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