

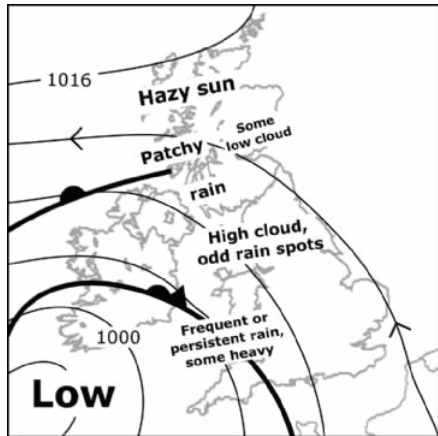
The Northwest Highlands

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, 18 April, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 18 April, 2025

Windy for England, Wales and southern Scotland, strengthening across the Highlands with time. Largely dry for Scotland and northern England, a little rain toward southwest Scotland; low cloud for a time southeast Highlands, hazy sun best toward north. Rain on and off for Wales, most persistent south.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Wind freshening. Largely dry, hazy sun.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 18 April, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 10-15mph. Increasing through later afternoon up to 25mph, at times 30mph on Skye.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking starting to be impeded with stability challenges on exposed terrain. Notable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Largely dry Chance of occasional spots of rain from high cloud, low risk an isolated shower.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly little Occasional patches drifting over high tops, but many hills often clear.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun through high cloud. Visibility mostly very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 to 1C, rising slightly. Wind chill -5 to -8C, near -10C in places.
Freezing Level	900-100m at dawn. Gradually rising to near the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 19 April	Sunday 20 April
How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 15-25mph, gusty in places, particularly Skye to Kintail.	South or southeasterly 15 to 25mph, but risk stronger speeds overnight and through dawn.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but some gusty areas affecting balance if exposed on ridges; marked chill in stronger speeds.	Fairly small, but in places may affect balance on exposed ridges. Small risk of more challenging conditions at first.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no rain A little light rain Skye and surrounding areas at dawn into early morning, fading. Much of the region likely to remain dry.	Risk patchy rain Risk of a little rain for a time mainly west coastal areas. Chance of more frequent rain for a time around Skye.
Cloud on the hills?	Early mist, passing banks over high tops Misty glens and corries at dawn, dispersing. Passing cloud banks drift over terrain above 1000m here and there through the afternoon, mostly in the north. Staying clear Skye.	Rising to most tops, breaks forming Varied cloud banks on some slopes from dawn into morning, most persistent near west coast, may linger around Skye. Otherwise lifting to upper slopes with breaks forming into afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%	30% rising to 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses or intermittent sun, best north. Misty start locally, otherwise excellent visibility.	Glimpses of sun and high cloud. Visibility mostly good, becoming very good; possibly mistier in west in morning.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0C at dawn, nearer 2C Skye. Rising to 4C west coast, northern areas around 2C. Wind chill feeling like -5 to -8C.	1C rising to 5C.
Freezing Level	900m north of Ullapool at dawn, mostly above summits southward and Skye. Rising mostly just above the summits.	Near 1000m from dawn into early morning, plus local frost pockets lower down at first; rising above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 19 April, 2025

A complex weather pattern continues this weekend and early next week as slow-moving centres of low pressure drift around toward the west and south, bringing mostly easterly winds with varied speeds day-to-day. However, a good deal of dry weather over the Easter weekend, just isolated showers. Into next week, areas of showery rain, most widely England and Wales on Monday and Tuesday. Drier for the Highlands as high pressure expands in from the north. Largely dry for England & Wales from midweek. Often on the cool side, particularly eastern hills, near to freezing higher Scottish tops. Warmest and sunniest in western regions. Occasional frost overnight into glens.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Thursday, 17 April, 2025

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