

The Northwest Highlands

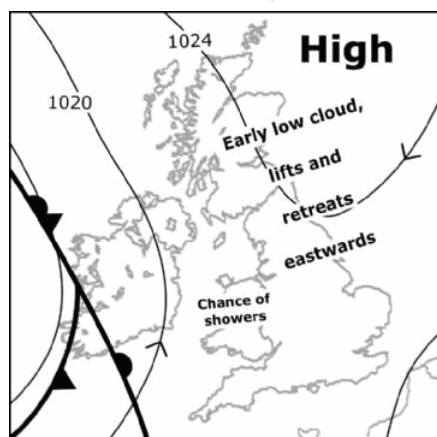
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Thursday, 24 April, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 24 April, 2025

Low cloud from the North Sea covering all but some western mountains widely from dawn will gradually clear as it retreats eastwards into the middle of the day, some patches may remain on eastern slopes. Sunny most or all day western coasts. Small risk an afternoon shower.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Sunshine, extensive western mountains. Moderate breeze.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 24 April, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly 15 to 20mph, often strongest near Ben Hope, but may strengthen a little around Skye, particularly later in day; eventually reaching 35mph onward into the night.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small most or all daylight, but may start to feel more blustery later where exposed on the Cuillin.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain unlikely
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly east in morning; little if any west Cloud widespread morning between about 450m and 900/1000m - higher summits above the cloud. Very little of the cloud will penetrate to within about 10miles of the west coast. From late morning or midday will progressively break up: very little left by mid afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Becoming greater than 90% (cloud lower down particularly morning)
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Increasingly sunny from the west. Visibility excellent, locally misty eastern areas at first.
How Cold? (at 900m)	2 to 6C, coolest in north in morning.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, but slight frost some sheltered higher and lower slopes at dawn.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 25 April	Saturday 26 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South to southeasterly 20-30mph, up to 40mph Skye. Comfortable walking affected with stability challenges at times, strenuous on Skye. Feeling chilly.	Southerly 20 to 30mph, strongest near west coast; easing a little afternoon, but risk increasing further from dusk into night. Where exposed on western ridges, affecting balance and comfortable walking in places. Fairly small inland.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain mostly around Skye Patches of slow-moving rain soon arrive to Skye and Torridon. Intermittent rain gradually increases through the day in west, occasionally heavier on Skye. Very little reaching much of Sutherland.	Patchy rain, locally a showery burst Rain on and off from dawn into the morning, may persist for a few hours on and near Skye. Becoming patchy and drizzly, may largely fade out, but risk an odd burst of rain inland into afternoon.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Lowering in far west; little north Lowering on and near Skye to become extensive in rain, filling in to 600m southern Cuillin. Patchy cloud forming over inland tops. Northernmost mountains of Sutherland seeing higher bases, perhaps often clear all day. 70% inland/north, to 30% Skye.	Fairly extensive, rising to upper slopes Widely covering the hills in the morning, banks at various heights, in places to lower slopes near Skye. Gradually lifting toward upper slopes, breaks forming toward tops mainly away from the west coast. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Weak sun through high cloud at dawn, becoming mostly cloudy in west. Visibility excellent north, but poor in cloud and rain around Skye.	Glimpses of sun into the afternoon. Misty, murky start especially in west; visibility improving to become very good.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	4 to 6C. Feeling like -5C in strongest wind. Above the summits	5C Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 25 April, 2025

Weak fronts will encroach from the Atlantic by Friday into the weekend, bringing more humid air, with low cloud and patchy rain or drizzle, local showery bursts. Possibility of more persistent rain in western Scotland by Sunday with stronger southwesterly winds for a time. Generally mild, or increasingly warm into early next week as southerly air prevails. High pressure rebuilding with a good deal of dry and sunny weather expected next week into the start of May.

Forecast issued at 7:46 on Thursday, 24 April, 2025

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