

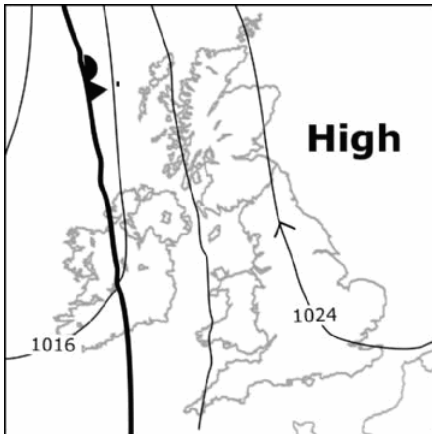
The Northwest Highlands

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, 25 April, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 25 April, 2025

Most mountain areas becoming fine and warm as patches of early morning low cloud disperse. However, a front approaching western Scotland will bring strengthening wind, thickening cloud and then rain to more western mountains.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Windy near coast, mainly Skye. Warm but cloud slowly thickening from SW.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 25 April, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly typically 15 to 20mph, but stronger near the coast, where 20-30mph, and 30-35mph west from the Cuillin.
Effect of wind on you?	Toward the coast some buffeting, particularly Cuillins where walking sometimes arduous in gusty wind. Mostly small well inland.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain mostly near Skye, but spreading slowly inland Largely dry morning, but by midday rain beginning Skye where then on and off all day. Slowly occasional rain spreading to mainland near Skye, but from Torridon northwards little or no rain until dusk. Very little reaching much of Sutherland.
Cloud on the hills?	Nearly all mountains cloud free, but slowly forming on and later near Skye. Mountains extensively free of cloud.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	In rain, cloud will begin to cap Cuillin hills, mostly above 600m, and later other summits on Skye. Greater than 90% but dropping to 20% Skye and evening nearby mainland.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun through thin high cloud - slowly thickening, particularly near Skye. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 rising to 10C, except Skye and nearby where sometimes 4C and will in wind feel as cold as -5C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 26 April	Sunday 27 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly 25mph; a little stronger Skye (including on lower slopes) especially evening when will approach 40mph. Mostly fairly small.	South to southwesterly, in the range 30 to 40mph, but perhaps 45mph on and near Skye. Expect considerable buffeting and wind chill where exposed on higher areas.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain on and off, mainly morning Rain, rarely heavy, from time to time, although in afternoon from south will ease to occasional patches. However, on Skye, west from the Cuillin may well remain drizzly.	Rain on and off Periods of, or perhaps persistent rain on and near Skye. Elsewhere, rain from time to time, perhaps very little overall.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Extensive on higher areas, but persistent lower slopes Skye Skye west from Cuillin hills: Persistent fog lower slopes up, but later in day, breaks to 650m, particularly N Cuillin. Elsewhere: varied cloud base, the cloud mostly above 600 to 750m, but lower patches in rain. Slowly breaks developing to 900m. 10%	Most summits frequently or persistently covered. Near Skye: Fog persistent from lower slopes up, although north of Glenelg and near Kintail, cloud base 450 to 700m. Elsewhere: Varied cloud base, typically 600 to occasionally 900m. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare glimpses of sun into the afternoon mainland. Misty, murky in rain, but otherwise visibility often excellent.	Rare sunshine near and north of Ullapool and lower slopes near Ben Wyvis. Generally hazy or misty, particularly near Skye, although often very good visibility Sutherland and more eastern summits.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5C Above the summits	4C, but will feel as cold as minus 8C directly in the wind. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 26 April, 2025**

The remnants of fronts will bring patches of rain and low cloud to most mountain areas on Saturday before tending to become confined to Scotland on Sunday (when the exact detail as yet uncertain). The rain may linger across NW Scotland into Monday before very warm dry air extends north across all mountains.

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