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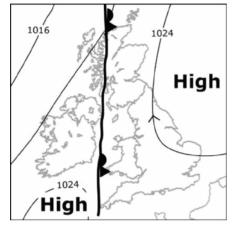
The Northwest Highlands

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 Saturday, 26 April, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 26 April, 2025

Rain and low cloud will reach mainly western mountains ahead of a weakening front. Generally a slow improvement through the day as the rain increasingly fizzles out and away from south facing coastal hills, cloud base rises. Blustery Scottish Highlands, particularly NW.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Slowly improving: Rain tending to ease, cloud base rising inland.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 26 April, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly 25mph; a little stronger Skye (including on lower slopes) especially evening when will approach 35mph.	
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly fairly small, but near Skye expect significant buffeting toward dusk.	
How wet?	et? Rain on and off, mainly morning	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Rain, rarely heavy, from time to time, although in afternoon will ease to occasional patches. However, on Skye, west from the Cuillin may probably remaining drizzly.	
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive on higher areas, but persistent lower slopes Skye	
	Skye west from Cuillin hills: Persistent fog lowest slopes up, but later in day, perhaps breaks to 650m N Cuillin. Elsewhere: varied cloud base, the cloud mostly above 600 to 750m, but lower patches in rain. Slowly breaks developing to or above 900m.	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Less than 10%; rising to 20% except Skye	
Sunshine?	Rare glimpses of sun into the afternoon mainland.	
Air clarity (below cloud)	Misty, murky in rain, but otherwise visibility often excellent.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	4C	
Freezing Level	Above the summits	

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The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 27 April	Monday 28 April
How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southwesterly, in the range 30 to 40mph, but perhaps 50mph on and near Skye and close to the west coast.	Southwesterly between 30 and near Skye 55mph. Very gusty near the coast, sometimes on lower slopes.
Effect of wind on you?	Expect considerable buffeting and wind chill where exposed, particularly near the coast where powerful gusts reaching lower slopes.	Considerable buffeting and wind chill where exposed. Sudden gusts could unbalance, or blow you over, even on some lower slopes.
How wet?	Rain on and off	Drizzly rain, mainly near Skye
(Precipitation and its impact)	Periods of, or perhaps persistent rain on and near Skye. Elsewhere, rain from time to time, perhaps very little overall.	Frequent rain and drizzle, particularly near Skye will tend to ease or clear from the south - although timing of the improvement very uncertain.
Cloud on the hills?	Most summits frequently or persistently covered.	Very extensive, particularly near the coast
	Near Skye: Fog persistent from lower slopes up, although north of Glenelg and near Kintail, cloud base 450 to 700m. Elsewhere: Varied cloud base, tending to rise through day - typically 600 to occasionally 900m.	Persistent fog from lowest slopes up Skye and mainland west coastal hills. Elsewhere, cloud base tending to rise from 400-600m toward 750-900m, although speed of change uncertain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%, but almost nil near Skye	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	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.	Sunshine unlikely. Frequently misty or foggy near the coast; but at times visibility good inland.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6C, but will feel as cold as minus 7C directly in the wind.	6C Will feel as cold as minus 6C directly in the wind near the coast,
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 27 April, 2025

Much of Britain will be fine and sunny through much of next week. Temperatures, after being very warm, could well drop markedly on Thursday (Scotland) or Friday (England and Wales). Westerly winds in N Scotland may well maintain more mixed weather here, with occasional rain and cloud across higher summits.

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