

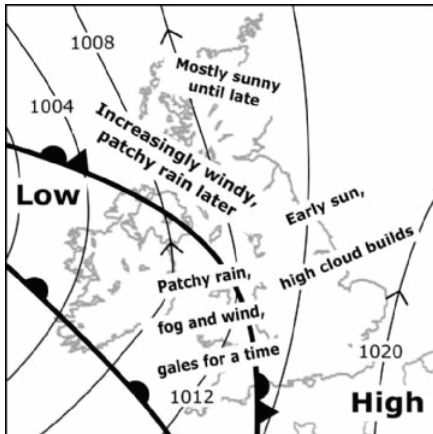
The Northwest Highlands

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, 14 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 14 April, 2026

Patchy light rain and fog soon spread into Wales from the south, soon windy too, briefly gales. Starting sunny elsewhere, high cloud spreads north over England, later into central Scotland. Patchy rain into Lakeland to the west Highlands later, wind strengthens, gales coastal west Highlands. Northern Scotland stays sunny.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Mostly sunny; increasingly windy, gales Skye for a time

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 14 April, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly 10-20mph, some directional variability. Gradually strengthening and trending southeasterly, later 30-45mph, strongest Skye, approaching 50mph dusk; powerful gusts downslope to the northwest too.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small from dawn, increasingly blustery, particularly western mountains; walking mostly arduous later, balance challenged in gusts and significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Late patchy rain from the southwest Later afternoon, a rising risk of patchy rain onto Skye and nearby. Patches will slowly spread more widely as evening approaches, perhaps more frequent into night.
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any Fragments of cloud around some slopes early morning, also mist in some glens at first. Dispersing to leave hills clear likely all of daylight. Fleeting patches return to high terrain of Skye as evening approaches, spreading more widely overnight.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Above 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensive sunshine into at least early afternoon, high cloud then building from the south, increasingly weakening the sun through afternoon. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0C rising to 4C or 5C, a degree milder northern west coast. Staying elevated into nighttime. Feeling colder as wind strengthens, later in day risk chill factor feels like -10C.
Freezing Level	900-1000m early in day, lowest south and west where a light frost in inland glens around dawn. Soon rising above tops, further rising through the day.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 15 April	Thursday 16 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly 45-60mph, powerful gusts, not just high slopes, locally variable direction; may ease somewhat later. Challenging conditions with significant wind chill in exposure all day; constant chaotic gusts making it difficult to stay on your feet.	Southwesterly 30-35mph, strongest south, a general easing trend, to 25-30mph, some variability. Blustery in exposure most of the day, notably early where walking more strenuous and feeling chilly.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequently raining Rain fairly widespread in the morning, local heavy falls, trending patchier to the east and north, staying drizzly on southern high terrain. Rain more persistent on Skye, perhaps more widely again later in the day.	Early rain, then west coast showers Frequent showers onto Skye and the west coast, more scattered inland, drizzly on high terrain early as well. Rain may be more widespread in the early morning with a risk of hail and thunder.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Fairly extensive, some improvement inland/north Widely extensive to mid-slopes from dawn, to lower slopes in many places, particularly south Cuillin. A lifting trend in bases, perhaps higher terrain Ben Wyvis to Ben Hope, an odd summit break. Skye stays well shrouded, and later more widely shrouded again. 20%	Breaks to summits north and east Cloud shrouds high tops at dawn, bases at 600-900m, lowest in the south, locally 400-500m southern aspects. Bases lift with time, breaks to northern tops probable, also east. Fewest breaks Skye/Torridon where bases rarely above 700-800m until late. 20% rising to 50% north
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A few glimpses of weak afternoon sun, but otherwise mostly cloudy. Mixed visibility, often poor in cloud/drizzle but very good where out of cloud.	Sunshine breaking out afternoon to the north and east. Visibility increasingly excellent where rain and cloud dissipate.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	6 or 7C, mildest north, locally 8C, cooling sharply into night. Feeling as cold as -10C in direct wind. Above the summits all day, lowering to around 1100m overnight.	1 or 2C, rising to 3C, locally 4C Ben Wyvis. Suddenly cooler in showers. Feeling like -8 to -10C in early wind. May just touch highest tops at dawn, soon lifting above all summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 15 April, 2026

Milder from Wednesday into the weekend, but Scottish high tops below freezing at times, locally lower in the northwest. Unsettled conditions in the immediate near-term with showers (sometimes heavy with hail and lightning), occasionally more persistent rain, accompanied by often gusty winds, gales over mountains for periods, but also brighter spells between rain. With spring sunshine, temperatures will tend to rise several degrees during daylight, often becoming warm in the valleys; slopes north of major hill groups often milder. Saturday sees continued showers, mostly north and west, but higher pressure gradually builds through late weekend into early next week, bringing fewer showers and lighter winds; chilly overnight, but fairly mild spring days. Confidence is low regarding how long high pressure will establish.

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