

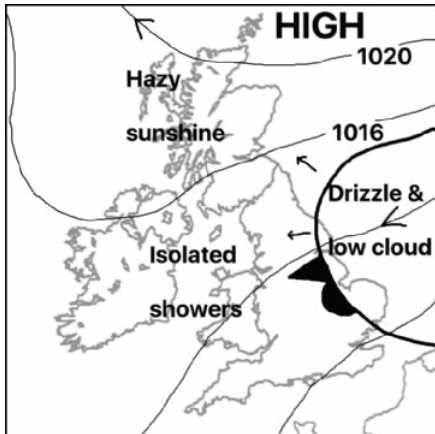
The Northwest Highlands

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, 17 May, 2019



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 May, 2019

Scotland: Patchy low cloud across some eastern areas at dawn, slowly tending to disperse. Then dry with hazy sunshine for many hours, but becoming cloudy from the east.

England/Wales: Some hazy sun for a time. A few isolated showers in the west. Low cloud/drizzle will arrive over the Pennines later.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Largely fine with hazy sun. Beware of sunburn and dehydration.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 17 May, 2019

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 15 to 20mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain expected. Small risk isolated bursts of rain afternoon and evening.
Cloud on the hills?	None expected.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Almost certain.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine, mainly morning. Cloud will tend to increase from the east in the afternoon. Visibility generally good, but slight haze.
How Cold? (at 900m)	10C
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 18 May	Sunday 19 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Easterly 15 to 25mph at dawn, becoming 10mph or less, and variable in direction, by the afternoon. May impede walking on higher areas at first with marked wind chill, but soon becoming negligible.	East to southeasterly, 5-10mph. Negligible.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patches of rain, especially in the east. Low confidence: Patches of rain will likely drift in from the east through the day; perhaps fairly persistent over a few hours towards Ben Wyvis.	Isolated rain AM, developing into showers. Isolated patches of rain here and there from dawn. These will break up into showers from late morning onwards. By afternoon, a scattering of locally heavy showers. However, hills within a few miles lie of the coast will likely miss these.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Areas of low cloud, mainly in the east. Low confidence in precise detail: Banks of low cloud will shroud some hills from dawn, most extensively across eastern hills where it may linger on high slopes most of the day. Across western hills, bases will lift and likely often clear the tops in the afternoon. 50%	Fairly extensive AM, breaking PM. Cloud will shroud the hills fairly extensively from dawn. Mainly on higher slopes, but in the east often down to lower slopes. Into the afternoon, bases will become more ragged and confined to higher slopes; some tops clearing between showers. 50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare patches of sun, mostly across western hills. Visibility mostly good, but at times poor in patchy rain; mainly in the east.	Mostly cloudy, but a few patches of sun in the afternoon. Visibility fairly poor morning, but becoming good/very good outside showers PM.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	4 to 8C, lowest in morning in the east. Above the summits.	6-8C; warmest in afternoon. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 18 May, 2019**

Easterly winds over the weekend will bring areas of low cloud in off the North Sea, often breaking over western mountains. The remnants of rain over central Europe will reach Britain, bringing showers, occasionally heavy, and perhaps one or two areas of more persistent rain. Total rainfall generally small, particularly in NW/W Scotland. A slack pressure pattern into next week with little wind and a mix of sunshine and scattered showers, some perhaps heavy.

Forecast issued at 13:38 on Thursday, 16 May, 2019

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