

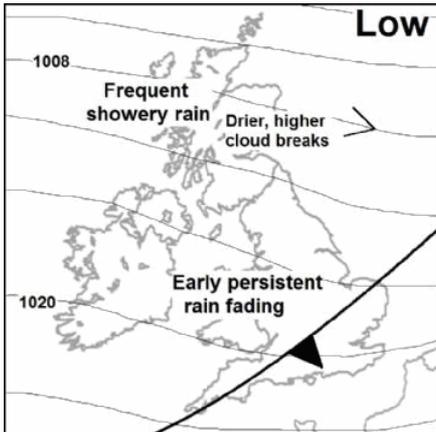
The Northwest Highlands

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 Wednesday, 11 September, 2019



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 September, 2019

A weakening cold front clears southwards; early rain fading from the Lakes & Pennines; slower to clear across Wales. For the Highlands, rain on and off in western areas through the day, with smaller amounts in the east. A windy day, although gales tending to ease, except in N Scotland.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland gales; showery rain most persistent west.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 11 September, 2019

How windy? (On the Munros)	West to southwesterly, 40 to 50mph with stronger gusts higher tops; easing only marginally later in day.
Effect of wind on you?	An arduous day across the hills, often difficult on higher ridges; significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Often raining Frequent to almost constant rain will come onto western mountains through the day. A mix of drizzle and some heavier falls. Smaller amounts in east. Very wet underfoot Skye & Wester Ross.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive high tops; lowest near west coast. Shrouding most mountains all day, rarely lifting above 600-700m west coastal hills, at times lower. Inland, more often above 800m, with some higher breaks toward the Moray Firth.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10% west; 40% east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare if any brief sun. A general haze, and visibility reduced further around rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4 to 6C. Where exposed to strongest wind, feeling like -8C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 12 September	Friday 13 September
How windy? (On the Munros)	Precise detail/timing uncertain: Southwest veering westerly; 25 to 40mph.	Southwesterly, 30 to 45mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery much of the day.	Blustery again with risk of arduous walking conditions over many hours. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain or drizzle; risk heavy Low confidence: Rain is likely to affect western hills from dawn; likely setting in widely for several hours, some heavy falls possible for a time. Later breaking into showers.	Showery Rain on and off most of the day, at times persistent over a few hours western mountains, sometimes heavy.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive During rain, cloud will shroud hills to lower slopes. Bases may rise later from west with some breaks forming.	Extensive higher areas Often shrouding western mountains above 600-800m, lowest around rain. Inland and toward Moray Firth, some breaks above 800-900m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Limited sun, may break through late in day. Visibility reduced by rain, later may become very good.	Rare if any glimpses of sun. A general haze; visibility reduced further in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5C, later dropping to 3C.	4C
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 12 September, 2019**

West or southwesterly winds will continue to affect Scottish mountains for the rest of the week and into the weekend, gale force for periods, with rain and low cloud commonly affecting western areas. Meanwhile, pressure will build across England & Wales, with generally dry conditions becoming established here, although low cloud may affect western hills at times. High pressure is expected to extend further north with time, leading to several days of fair and warm weather for most places into next week. Winds becoming light, and some morning inversions are possible.

Forecast issued at 7:38 on Wednesday, 11 September, 2019

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