

The Northwest Highlands

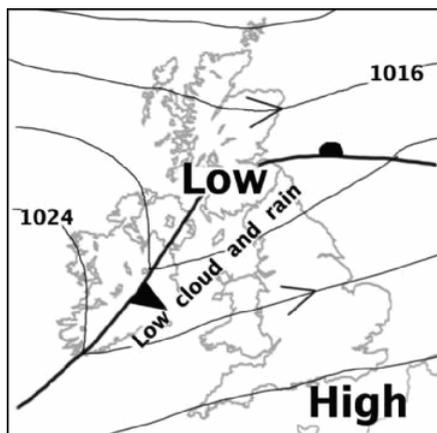
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Thursday, 12 September, 2019



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 September, 2019

Strong winds, rain and copious low cloud will accompany a wave on a front that will run northeast across Britain. Northern Scotland will be north of this - although still blustery with showers.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

A few showers. Risk frequent rain and low cloud near Skye morning.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 12 September, 2019

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly; 30 to 35mph, least wind on and near Skye. Will tend to ease marginally through the day.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking often arduous on higher areas.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers Rain may be frequent for a few hours on and near Skye in the morning. Otherwise, occasional showers.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Becoming confined to higher tops Fog will shroud higher areas widely much of morning, perhaps forming from lower slopes up on and near Skye. Will improve, by early afternoon, patchy cloud below 900m coastal hills, but well inland most cloud above 1050m. 20% rising to 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional bursts of sun, mainly well inland. Visibility frequently very good; although temporarily poor in rain, and perhaps for a few hours near Skye.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	4C. Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 13 September	Saturday 14 September
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly, 30 to 45mph.	Southwesterly soon 50 to 70mph
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous where exposed on higher areas. Significant wind chill.	Severe upland gales will soon make mobility very difficult. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly rain much of the day Rain and drizzle frequently, at times persistent western mountains, sometimes heavy.	Increasingly wet Rain soon Sutherland will become increasingly persistent and through the day gradually extend southwards. It may be late in day before the rain set in on Skye and near Great Glen.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive higher areas Often shrouding western mountains above 600-800m, lowest around rain. Inland and toward Moray Firth, some breaks above 800-900m.	Becoming very extensive Deteriorating as cloud, initially clear of some summits (mainly Ben Wyvis and near Great Glen), fills in across the mountains, forming on lower slopes western mountains and widely below 700m elsewhere.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare if any glimpses of sun. A general haze; visibility reduced further in rain.	Sunshine not expected. Visibility deteriorating as rain becomes more extensive.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4C	4 rising to 8C
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 13 September, 2019**

High pressure will develop, initially over southern Britain from this weekend, bringing extensive fine weather with light winds. Sunshine will become extensive. These conditions may well persist most or perhaps all of next week. However, this weekend, Scotland (particularly the W & NW Highlands) will still be windy with rain and low cloud as a front moves slowly southward.

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