

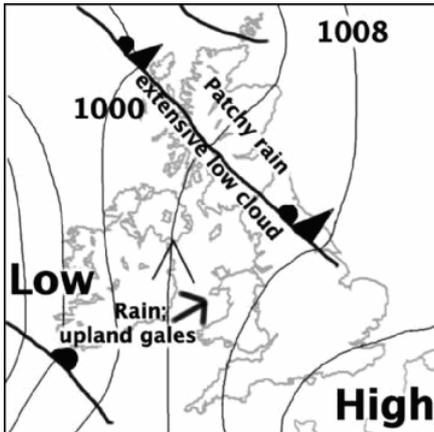
The Northwest Highlands

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 Monday, 23 September, 2019



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 September, 2019

The remnants of several fronts will give extensive fog and patches of rain and drizzle after dawn. Conditions will slowly improve: most rain will die out and generally cloud base progressively rise. Wales, after a lull to some sun will deteriorate quickly from SW afternoon.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Wind soon light and rain only occasional. Cloud base slowly rising.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 23 September, 2019

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly 15mph. But temporarily after dawn far north and Ben Wyvis, southeasterly, up to 40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Soon small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	A few patches of drizzly rain Overnight rain will have cleared to pockets of rain and drizzle now and again = but total rainfall small. However, in Sutherland the overnight rain may persist for a couple of hours or so after dawn.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Very extensive morning; becoming mostly confined to eastern areas Fog extensive post dawn; in some areas, particularly eastern summits in region, the fog from lower slopes up. Will gradually improve. Fog will hang on some higher slopes (and a few lower slopes) all day, but generally in afternoon, most cloud above 800 to 1050m, generally highest near the coast. 10% rising to 60% by mid-afternoon
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Dull and misty post dawn. Overall slowly improving with cloud slowly thinning and mainly toward the coast breaking to give patches of sun and good visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	10C Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 24 September	Wednesday 25 September
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southeasterly 15mph, although risk of 30mph after dawn eastern mountains north of Ben Wyvis and far north. Mostly small.	Southeasterly 20mph, although may be 30 or 35mph eastern summits north from Ben Wyvis and across the far north. Mostly small, although walking may be arduous where exposed on higher northern and eastern areas.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain rarely Bursts of rain now and again, although substantially dry.	Occasional rain Rain and drizzle on and off, mainly more eastern mountains and north of Assynt. Elsewhere, it may well be substantially dry with the rain only occasionally.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Mostly very little Most or perhaps all summits intermittently cloud free, although periods - perhaps lasting several hours - where areas above 800m are cloud covered, and a few patches as low as 500m. Chance of persistent very low cloud eastern slopes north of Ben Wyvis. 40%	Extensive many higher areas Low confidence: fog may well envelop eastern mountains and north of Assynt above 200 to 450m most or all day. Elsewhere, apart from a few fragments hang in on lower slopes, most cloud above 600m and some higher summits may clear. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Only occasional sunshine - extensive high level cloud. Visibility frequently excellent.	Glimpses of sun only, mainly western mountains. Hazy.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	10C Above the summits.	10C Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 24 September, 2019**

Low pressure will dominate the weather all week, bringing frequent rain and low cloud, and intermittently strong upland winds.

As several areas of low pressure track across the country, the weather pattern will often be complicated, making day to day local detail difficult to forecast. However, there remains strong evidence that the driest area will be areas near and north of the Great Glen.

Forecast issued at 16:01 on Sunday, 22 September, 2019

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