

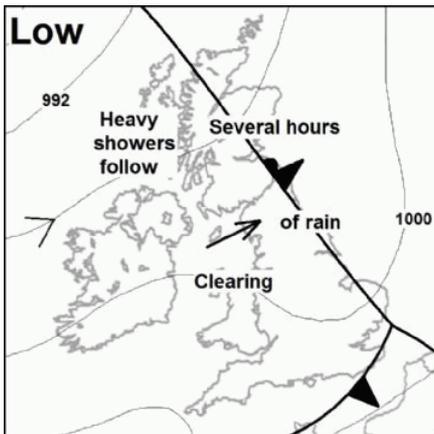
The Northwest Highlands

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, 16 October, 2019



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 October, 2019

A front will drift slowly northeastward across the Highlands, with rain lasting several hours. Scattered heavy showers will follow into the west. This front and associated rain & low cloud will clear from Wales early in the day, and northern England middle of day. Blustery at times and feeling cool.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Rain then showers; varied gusty winds. Cool on hills.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 16 October, 2019

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeast then south to southwesterly; speeds may change quickly, gusty around 40mph from dawn, then typically nearer 20mph or at times less.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery on higher terrain at first, although becoming fairly small. Chilly in exposure.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain followed by showers A front passing slowly northeastward brings a risk of rain lasting several hours, lasting on into afternoon Sutherland. After a drier window, scattered heavy showers follow from the west, with hail, and snow higher tops.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive; bases lifting PM. Cloud likely to cover higher terrain much of the day. Bases tending to lift as rain moves through. Fleeting breaks to higher tops possible, particularly across the far north.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% rising to 50%.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief bursts of sun developing from west; otherwise overcast. Visibility very poor in rain or showers, but intermittently very good afternoon.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5C around dawn, but may soon drop to 2 or 3C. Feeling close to -5C in exposure to wind.
Freezing Level	Starting above the summits, but dropping close to zero on highest tops as day progresses.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 17 October	Friday 18 October
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly, 25 to 40mph.	Southeasterly 15 to 25mph, but at times becoming variable and little wind.
Effect of wind on you?	Arduous walking across western hills in particular, locally very gusty. Significant wind chill.	Mostly very small, but prepare for the chill in exposure to wind.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers mostly west, sleet tops Often dry northern mountains. Occasional pulses of heavy rain may spread from the south, mostly affecting hills around Great Glen, Kintail and Skye. Sleet above 900-1000m.	Often dry, risk showers Detail uncertain: Areas of showers with sleet or wet snow on the Munros, possible hail. May be locally frequent over a few hours, but also extensive periods of dry weather during the day.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly very little Banks of cloud above 600-800m on/near Skye. Elsewhere, local patches higher slopes, but many mountains often clear.	Breaking to high tops Cloud base varied, sometimes covering higher slopes during showers, and may locally persist, but expect sustained clearances to many summits.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A little sun, mostly north. Visibility fairly good, slight haze, especially coastal hills.	Periods of sunshine and excellent visibility, but sometimes reduced markedly in showers.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C.	3C.
Freezing Level	Close to freezing point on highest tops, around 1100-1200m.	Just above highest summits (around 1200m).

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 17 October, 2019**

Through the weekend, areas of rain or showers will rotate around a slow-moving centre of low pressure, some heavy bursts with hail and thunder, but also areas which escape dry most or all of a day. Wind speeds varied, local gales at times, but also marked lulls. Temperatures on the cool side, persistently near or below freezing point on higher Scottish Munros with snow likely to fall and lie above about 1100m. Fairly benign autumn conditions are expected early next week as pressure builds. Milder southwesterlies may then return with some wind and rain possible by midweek.

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