

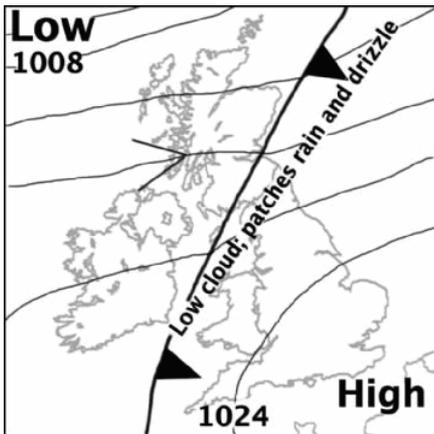
# The Northwest Highlands

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 Saturday, 18 February, 2017



**British Mountain Summary:**  
**Based on forecast chart for noon 18 February, 2017**

A weakening front will bring mostly low cloud and a little rain slowly southeastwards, although from S Scotland southwards the precise timing of the front is uncertain: East Wales and south Pennines may well be mostly fine with cloud above the tops. Upland gales Scottish Highlands.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland gales; rain or on higher tops snow, mainly afternoon.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 18 February, 2017

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southwesterly 35-40mph increasing progressively to 45-50mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking difficult across higher areas; significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Rain increasingly; snow higher tops</b> Showers morning, before particularly on western mountains precipitation becomes frequent afternoon. Sleet highest tops morning. In afternoon snow as low as 900m.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive</b> Breaks in cloud as high as 900m well inland occasionally. Overall cloud frequent above 500 to 700m, highest well inland, and occasionally forming below 400m, particularly near the coast.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Sunshine rare, mainly lower eastern areas in morning. Fog extensive on the hills; below cloud hazy at best.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	4C dropping to 2C. Will feel as cold as minus 12C directly in wind late in day.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above summits morning; dropping to 1100 to 1200m afternoon.

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	<b>Sunday 19 February</b>	<b>Monday 20 February</b>
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	West backing southwesterly. Typically 35mph, but by dusk 45mph. There may be a slight lull middle of day. <b>Frequently difficult walking conditions where exposed on higher areas.</b> <b>Significant wind chill.</b>	Westerly 40 to 50mph  <b>Upland gales will make walking difficult where exposed on higher areas.</b> <b>Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Deteriorating: rain extending inland</b> Rain and drizzle enveloping coastal hills morning before slowly spreading inland during the afternoon.	<b>Heavy rain; clearing from north</b> Rain, widely incessant, particularly western mountains. Will from north abruptly turn to snow above 800m, and then more or less cease. However, the timing of the clearance presently uncertain.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Gradually becoming very low from west</b>  Breaks to 800 to perhaps 1000m well inland, particularly Ben Wyvis northwards. However, slowly from west during morning blanket of fog from lower slopes up will envelop coastal mountains and spread inland afternoon. Well inland, the base will lift to above 500m.  <b>40%</b>	<b>Very extensive</b>  Blanket cloud across the mountains, from lower slopes western areas although breaks to 850m easternmost areas (eg Ben Wyvis). Will lift to 600 to 900m as precipitation clears, again lowest coastal hills.  <b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Patches of sun confined to morning well inland. Often good visibility below cloud but on the hills fog increasingly extensive from west.	Glimpses of sun, mainly well inland will extend south. Extensive fog, and even below cloud visibility often poor.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	2 rising to 5C  1200m before lifting above the summits.	6C; from north dropping abruptly to 1 or 2C.  Above the summits before dropping to 1050m from north.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 19 February, 2017**

Only brief periods of freeze on higher Scottish summits until Tuesday. Otherwise, temperatures above freezing point. There will be rain on and off, concentrated western Scotland.

From Wednesday, periods of upland gales and freeze thaw cycles will extend to higher tops England and Wales. Frequent precipitation, often snow, western mountains. .

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