

The Northwest Highlands

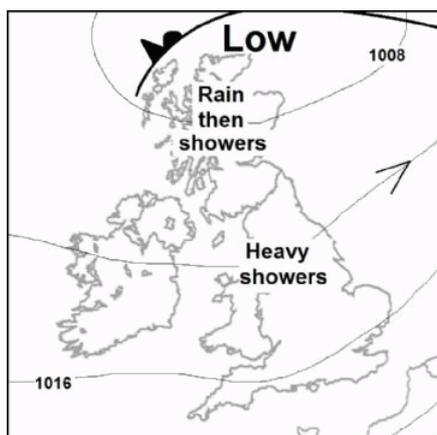
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Saturday, 20 May, 2017



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 20 May, 2017

Low pressure and an occluded front over northern Scotland brings low cloud and rain to much of the Highlands in the morning - this will fade, but will be replaced by heavy slow moving showers into the afternoon. For England & Wales, heavy showers will spread increasingly from the south-west, although Wales should improve in the afternoon.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Rain frequent or persistent. Low cloud. Light winds.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 20 May, 2017

How windy? (On the Munros)	Variable, almost windless for several hours. By afternoon, becoming southwesterly, freshening 15 to 20mph, perhaps 25mph by evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Small, but may become gusty around showers.
How wet?	Persistent rain, showery bursts later Rain in some places may rarely cease all day, at best on and off - sleet highest summits. Areas around Skye may escape somewhat drier in the morning. Into afternoon & evening, showery bursts likely spreading from the south-west.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Shrouding most mountains above 600 to 800m, at times lower, particularly in rain; generally highest bases toward the west coast around Skye.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine unlikely. Visibility very poor due to rain, and foggy many tops.
How Cold? (at 900m)	2 to 4C
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 21 May	Monday 22 May
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly, 20 to 25, at times 30mph.	South to southeasterly, 30 to possibly 40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking impeded where exposed on higher terrain.	Walking arduous on the hills; buffeting where exposed on & north of major ridges.
How wet?	A little rain west Patchy rain or drizzle, mostly confined to western hills around Skye & Torridon.	Risk rain developing south Detail uncertain: An increasing risk of persistent rain spreading from south, but the far north may well escape dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Lifting from most hills Banks of cloud drifting around coastal hills in west, but should lift toward higher tops, and across Sutherland most summits clearing.	Mostly very little Many summits may be often free of low cloud, but risk forming extensively around Skye, and perhaps more widely in rain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	70%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Occasional sun mainly far north. Visibility mostly very good.	Sun likely weak and confined to north; becoming overcast. Visibility very good away from rain, although increasing haze.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3 rising to 6C	7 to 10C; warmest north.
Freezing Level	Above the summits; around 1200m at first.	Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 21 May, 2017**

Low pressure will lie to the west, and high pressure to the east of Britain on Sunday & Monday, resulting in a strengthening south to south-easterly wind. A front advances north on Monday, bringing an increasing risk of rain for many.

Into midweek, a legacy of patchy rain or showers is likely, but pressure should be building slowly. In the second half of the week, expect plenty of dry weather, but it will be quite humid, bringing a risk of extensive low cloud to many mountains, particularly in the west, and a general haze. Isolated afternoon showers possible. Becoming fairly warm, and winds often light.

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