

# The Northwest Highlands

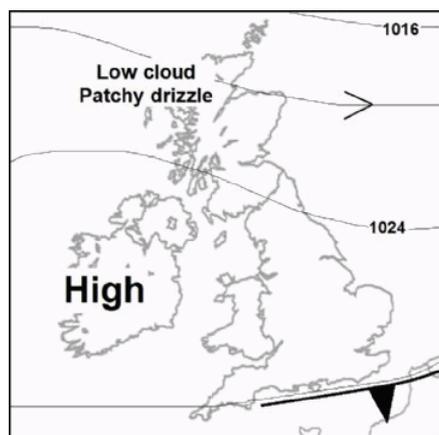
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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## General Summary for Monday, 17 July, 2017



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 17 July, 2017**

High pressure builds across the British Isles. A brisk westerly wind will ease slowly and become confined to the far north of Scotland. Drizzly showers and low cloud for the W & NW Highlands, otherwise dry with plenty of sunshine and any low cloud breaking up.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Blustery winds, easing. Patchy drizzle, low cloud west.

## Detailed Forecast for Monday, 17 July, 2017

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Westerly, 35-45mph morning, easing gradually, and the strongest winds becoming confined to northern summits. Nearer 20-25mph on/near Skye & Kintail by afternoon & evening.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking arduous morning higher slopes, and buffeting frequent on higher northern tops; conditions easing through day.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Drizzly showers coastal hills</b> Western coastal hills and the Isles will see pockets of drizzle, mainly morning, fading into afternoon.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Fairly extensive, lowest and most persistent west</b> Western coastal hills shrouded in cloud most of the day, bases 400-600m, but tending to thin and break slowly during afternoon. Inland toward Great Glen and in Sutherland bases lifting and breaking above most if not all tops afternoon.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20% west morning, later 40%, or 60% inland.</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Hazy sunshine developing on many hills by afternoon. Visibility improving, becoming very good inland.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	7 rising to 9 or 10C, warmest inland.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above summits

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	<b>Tuesday 18 July</b>	<b>Wednesday 19 July</b>
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southerly, 15mph increasing to 25, later 30mph.  <b>Mainly small, but may result in local buffeting late in day.</b>	Low confidence of detail in this forecast: East or southeasterly, 30 to 45mph, risk local gusts over 50mph.  <b>Walking may be widely arduous or difficult with considerable buffeting where exposed.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Rain not expected</b>	<b>Risk of thunderstorms</b>  Detail very uncertain: Pulses of heavy rain and possible thunderstorms spreading from the south, may give local torrential falls.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>          <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Largely cloud free</b>          <b>90%</b>	<b>Forming around rain</b>  At times cloud may remain above the hills, but risk patches forming from forest canopies up during and following rain.          <b>50%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Excellent visibility and long spells of sunshine, but becoming hazy later in the day.	Any sunshine generally hazy. Visibility reduced around rain.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	11 to 14C  Above summits	10 to 15C  Above summits

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 18 July, 2017**

High pressure retreats away eastwards allowing pressure to fall into midweek. A brief surge of warm and humid air will push north across Britain by Wednesday, and there will be areas of rain and thunderstorms - precise detail remains uncertain. Later in the week, and most likely into the weekend, expect a changeable mix of sunshine and heavy showers, or some longer periods of rain as low pressure resides across the country. Blustery winds at times, and feeling cool.

**Forecast issued at 13:00 on Sunday, 16 July, 2017**

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