

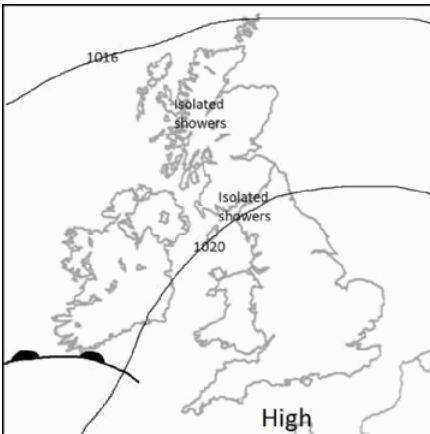
The Northwest Highlands

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 Sunday, 13 August, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 August, 2017

A transient ridge of high pressure will cross the UK during the day. There will be a few showers over western hills during the morning moving inland by afternoon. Many hills will be cloud free after any early morning low cloud disperses. Fairly light winds across all areas, but with a freshening southerly breeze by evening across western Scotland.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

A few showers, but many hills cloud free especially inland

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 13 August, 2017

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 10-15mph, but 20-25mph in north for a few hours after dawn.
Effect of wind on you?	Small
How wet?	Scattered showers A scattering of showers will affect the area during the day. Initially they will affect mainly coastal hills, before tending to transfer inland into the afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Clearing many hills, away from west coast Cloud will likely vary between 700 and 900m across western coastal hills through the day. Elsewhere, bases will progressively rise to clear all hills by afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Occasional sunshine with excellent visibilities.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5-7C
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 14 August	Tuesday 15 August
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southeast veering southerly 10-20mph, increasing to 25-30mph from mid afternoon. Will impede walking across exposed slopes during afternoon/evening.	Southwest veering westerly: 20-30mph Walking arduous at time on exposed higher slopes
How wet?	Patchy rain edging up from the south. After a dry start, showery rain will gradually edge up from the south. This rain will be fairly patchy, with perhaps very little falling across western coastal hills and over Sutherland.	Spells of rain later showers Spells of rain on and off for much of the day, tending to turn more showery later. Heaviest and most persistent over western hills and the Isles.
Cloud on the hills?	Very little, but deteriorating in south later Most, if not all, hills cloud free for much of the day. However, through the afternoon cloud will lower onto higher areas, especially the south and mainly above 900m.	Extensive breaking later inland Most if not all hills shrouded in cloud morning. Bases tending to lift and break afternoon/evening outside showers especially towards Great Glen and well inland.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	30%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Any early hazy sunshine, mainly in the north, will give way to overcast skies. Visibility good, but gradually deteriorating from south into the afternoon.	Fairly extensive poor visibility in hill fog morning. Glimpses of sunshine by afternoon, best inland with very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	7 rising to 9C Above the summits	6 to 8C Above summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 14 August, 2017**

A continuation of the current unsettled weather pattern through next week with southwesterly winds bringing bands of low cloud and rain countrywide, although a transient ridge of high pressure will result in an improvement in conditions on Tuesday. From midweek onwards, increasing threat of upland gales and on western mountains heavy rain with areas of low pressure passing close by the UK.

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