

The Northwest Highlands

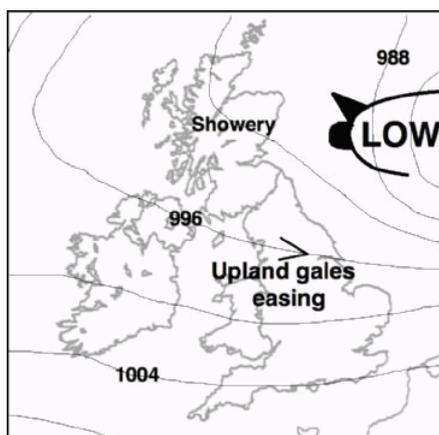
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Wednesday, 13 September, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 September, 2017

Low pressure will push out into the North Sea and allow a cold northwesterly, showery airflow to prevail across all mountain areas. Across Scotland showers will merge to give locally prolonged rain over several hours, and over highest tops sleet or wet snow will fall. Upland gales at dawn across England and Wales will soon ease.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

A cold day with showers, these falling as wet snow highest tops.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 13 September, 2017

How windy? (On the Munros)	Generally northwesterly 10mph. May reach 15-20mph afternoon/evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly negligible
How wet?	Showers Showers, mostly coastal hills, although a few will extend inland across region by afternoon. Wet snow highest tops. Also, risk of almost constant rain for a couple of hours, again most likely within 10 or 20 miles of the general lie of the coast.
Cloud on the hills?	Tops often cloud free by afternoon, especially east Fairly extensive low cloud from dawn will lift and break towards midday. Then cloud frequently confined to higher tops, and well inland often above the tops. However, cloud base will drop toward 800m, or near the coast 500m, during rain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Only occasional glimpses of hazy sun. Frequently excellent or superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4C
Freezing Level	Just above tops

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 14 September	Friday 15 September
How windy? (On the Munros)	North or northwesterly; 25 to occasionally 35mph.	Northerly 25-35mph, but perhaps 40mph western coastal hills in morning.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking often arduous on higher areas.	Walking often arduous higher areas with marked wind chill.
How wet?	Showers Showers, most widely Sutherland. Additionally the risk of the rain almost constant over a couple of hours, the highest risk again the far north. Wet snow above 900m, may lie highest tops.	Showers extending inland. Showers, initially mainly along and near the north and west coast, will extend inland from mid morning. Some heavy with sleet/wet snow on highest tops.
Cloud on the hills?	Cloud clearing many tops (not far N). Cloud base will vary: in Sutherland and on coastal summits elsewhere, typically between 650 and 900m. Elsewhere, particularly afternoon, cloud rare below 900m and higher summits may well frequently clear.	Extensive, but lifting inland Widespread hill fog from dawn, will lift and break inland towards midday with many summits temporarily clearing between showers by afternoon. However, hills within 20-30 miles of the the north and west coast with remain foggy above 700-800m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%	30%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Occasional sunshine. Excellent visibility.	Occasional glimpses of sun between the showers. Visibility very good between the showers and outside hill fog.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C	4C
Freezing Level	1250m	Just above the tops

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 14 September, 2017**

Chilly and showery most mountain areas through the remainder of this week. On highest Scottish summits expect showers to fall as sleet and wet snow, and here and there snow will lie. By Sunday and through the early days of next week, under higher pressure, it will become warmer and although total rainfall will be small, there is uncertainty as to whether there will be showers, and also whether areas of low cloud will continue to shroud some higher areas; most likely over western Scotland.

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