

The Northwest Highlands

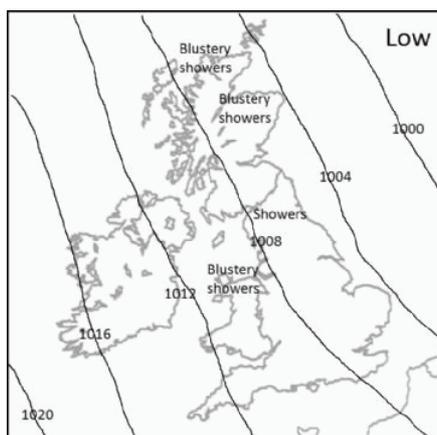
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Thursday, 14 September, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 September, 2017

A cold north-northwesterly flow will cover the UK during the day. Cairngorms, NW Highlands and Snowdonia will remain mainly cloudy with the showers most frequent here. Further south and east hills often clear and dry, with some excellent visibility and just the risk a few showers by afternoon. Significant windchill all areas.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Blustery wintry showers higher slopes

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 14 September, 2017

How windy? (On the Munros)	North or northwesterly; 30 to 40mph occasionally 50mph Sutherland and Caithness.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking often arduous at times difficult on higher areas. Significant windchill.
How wet?	Showers Showers, most widely Sutherland, with the risk of the rain almost constant over a couple of hours. Wet snow above 800m, may temporarily lie highest tops. Drier spells towards the Great Glen.
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.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Occasional sunshine. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C but feeling well below zero in the wind
Freezing Level	1200m

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 15 September	Saturday 16 September
How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly 30-40mph occasionally 50mph across Caithness	Northerly 20-30mph perhaps 40mph morning across Caithness and Sutherland.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking often arduous and at time difficult on higher areas with marked wind chill.	Walking often arduous higher areas with marked wind chill.
How wet?	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.	Showers extending inland. Showers, initially over Sutherland and Caithness, will extend inland from mid morning. Some heavy with sleet/wet snow on highest tops. Western Coastal hills may well become dry later in the day.
Cloud on the hills?	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.	Extensive, but lifting inland Widespread hill fog from dawn, will lift and break inland towards midday with many summits temporarily clearing between showers. However, coastal hills Sutherland and Caithness will remain foggy all day above 700-800m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	30%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Occasional glimpses of sun between the showers. Visibility very good between the showers and outside hill fog.	Occasional glimpses of sun between the showers. Visibility very good between the showers and outside hill fog.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4C	4C
Freezing Level	Just above the tops	Just above the tops

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 15 September, 2017**

Cold and showery across all mountain areas through the remainder of this week. On highest Scottish summits showers will fall as sleet and wet snow. By Sunday and through the early days of next week, as pressure builds from the south, winds will back more westerly. It will become warmer with drier conditions than of late, but with spells of patchy rain mainly over western half of the Highlands.

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