

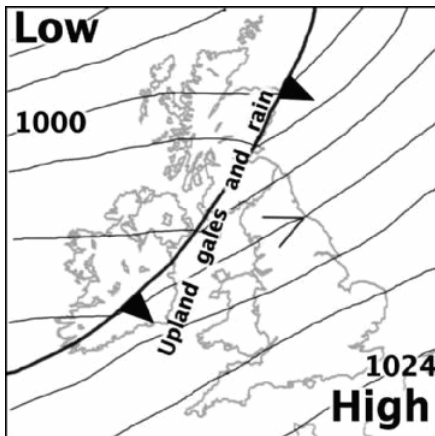
The Northwest Highlands

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 Friday, 13 October, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 October, 2017

Upland gales most mountain areas. Almost constant rain western mountains will clear from the NW across Scottish Highlands. Persistent fog most summits, widely from lower slopes up many west and south facing coastal hills.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland gales; rain clearing

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 13 October, 2017

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly, 45 to 60mph; strongest Torridon northwards afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult walking on higher terrain; severe wind chill.
How wet?	Rain: slowly clearing southwards North of Torridon: Rain on and off post dawn will fizzle out by mid morning. A few showers will follow. South from Torridon: Rain western hills, focused on/near Skye. Will ease to isolated showers late morning or middle of day. Very wet underfoot.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, lowest south from Torridon Shrouding most mountains from lower slopes up around Skye and Torridon, although some rise in base through afternoon. Elsewhere, fog often confined above 750-900m, if not from dawn, by mid or late morning.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% but less than 10% on and near Skye
Sunshine and air clarity?	A little sun probably confined north of Torridon. Visibility good below cloud and away from rain, but a general haze.
How Cold? (at 900m)	9C dropping to 5C from northwest.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 14 October	Sunday 15 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 40 dropping to 30mph on and near Skye; 50, later 40mph elsewhere. Difficult walking on higher areas, particularly morning. Significant wind chill.	Southerly in the range 35 to 50mph, possibly 60mph near the west coast. Considerable buffeting across the hills; including sudden strong gusts to lower slopes. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Rain on and off Confidence low: there may well be showers, mostly Sutherland. Also most likely afternoon, increasing threat of steady, but not heavy, rain extending northwards. This may not reach Sutherland during daylight.	Rain: may mostly die out Low confidence: overnight rain across the NW Highlands may through the morning become mostly confined to near the coast, and could then almost all clear. However, risk of the rain never clearing. Very wet underfoot Skye and south from Kintail.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly confined to higher tops Coastal summits, particularly south from Wester Ross will often be covered above 600 to 900m. Elsewhere, breaks to 1000m, perhaps higher. But where rain sets in, fog will become increasingly persistent across the hills.	Mostly confined to higher tops On and near Skye: Blanket fog may well persist all day from lower slopes up. Elsewhere: Most cloud above 600m, and north from about Torridon may well become largely confined above 900m, possibly mostly clearing.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%	40%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Little of no sunshine due to veil of high level cloud. Frequently excellent visibility.	Patches of sunshine, most likely Sutherland. Little or no sun on and near Skye. Hazy.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5C Above the summits.	7 to 10C Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 14 October, 2017**

A lengthy period of unsettled weather, will give continued high rainfall across western mountains, particularly the W and NW Highlands where widely very wet underfoot.

There will be bouts of upland gales and note on Monday or Monday night threat of storm force winds.

Later next week, on higher Scottish summits, occasionally periods where snow will fall, but lying snow is very likely to be only transient.

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