

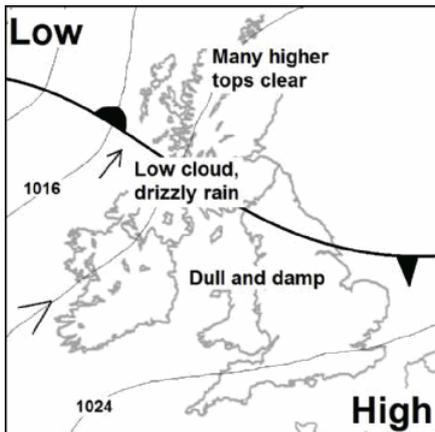
The Northwest Highlands

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, 15 November, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 November, 2017

A warm front will push north, leaving grey and damp conditions in Wales, SW Scotland and some Pennine areas, with fog to low levels, especially around coasts. Brighter in northern Scotland, with many summits free of low cloud. Winds strengthening, later gale force in W & NW Highlands.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Winds strengthening, gales later west; many areas dry.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 15 November, 2017

How windy? (On the Munros)	West soon backing southerly, 15mph or less, but increasing quickly by early afternoon to 30mph, then 45-60mph by dusk or soon after dark; strongest western coastal summits. Storm force winds on the mountains overnight into Thursday.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small morning, but will increasingly impede walking higher areas in afternoon. Sudden buffeting may develop to low levels. Significant wind chill later.
How wet?	Largely dry; patchy rain Skye Dry most or all day, especially northern areas. But on coastal hills on/near Skye, increasing risk of a little rain and drizzle, perhaps snow grains highest tops for a time.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Skye; breaks north Many hills inland & north from Torridon will be often clear with only occasional patches forming above 900m. Around Skye, risk extensive above 500-700m, and tending to lower.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70% many areas, but 20% around Skye.
Sunshine and air clarity?	Early weak sun north; overcast skies becoming more widespread. Visibility generally very good northern areas, but quite murky around Skye. Early fog patches some inland glens.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0C rising slowly to reach 4C by dusk or after dark.
Freezing Level	900m, then lifting above tops toward end of afternoon. Frost some inland glens in morning.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 16 November	Friday 17 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwest then westerly, 45 to 60mph, risk 70mph at first.	Westerly, 45 to 60mph, with sudden squalls over 70mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult walking conditions and severe wind chill on higher areas; may ease just a little as the day progresses.	Walking difficult on higher terrain, with buffeting from low levels up. Severe wind chill.
How wet?	Frequent snow or hail showers A belt of heavy rain overnight, finishing as snow on higher areas, will clear, but followed by frequent squally showers. Snow falling to 500-600m. Risk hail and isolated thunder.	Snow and hail rarely ceasing Frequent showers, at times near constant precipitation on western mountains. Snow falling above 500-600m or briefly lower in heavier bursts. Risk of hail and isolated thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied, mostly western tops Cloud base changing quickly; often extensive above 800-1000m in west, and shafts of cloud below 600m near showers. Frequent breaks forming to higher tops inland & east.	Often covering tops Rapid changes in cloud level: Rarely clearing above 900-1000m, but at times dropping below 600m in showers. Fleeting breaks to some higher tops around the Great Glen.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%	30%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Brief bursts of sunshine away from showers. General slight haze; visibility suddenly reduced when in snow and cloud.	Brief glimpses of sun. The air quite clear away from showers, but general haze in west, and suddenly appalling visibility in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C, but may be locally nearer zero early morning.	-1 to -3C
Freezing Level	700 or 800m, perhaps briefly higher at dawn.	700 or 800m, but may lower from north through day.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 16 November, 2017**

Windy on Thursday with upland gales ahead of a band of heavy rain which will push south-eastwards. Showery and colder conditions will then follow, lasting into Friday and the weekend. Upland gales or sever gales will give severe wind chill, but should ease at least for a time over the weekend. Renewed snow will accumulate over the mountains.

Indications for the later part of November favour generally cold conditions dominating, with further snowfalls possible.

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