

The Northwest Highlands

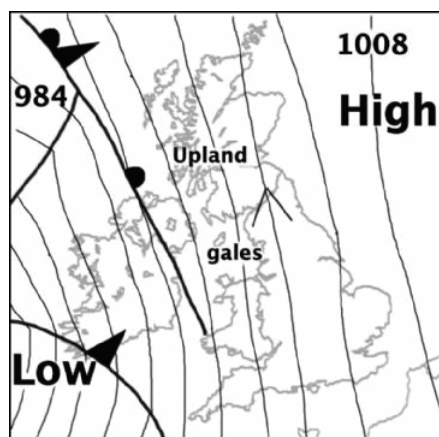
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Wednesday, 14 March, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 March, 2018

Widespread upland gales.

Extensively cloudy but much of the cloud well above the summits.

Here and there a little rain.

Thaw of lying snow, except highest summits Scottish Highlands.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland gales, local sudden gusts lower slopes. Isolated rain, summits nearly all cloud free.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 14 March, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	South or southeasterly; in the range 40-60mph. Generally strongest afternoon. Will increase rapidly with height, although expect sudden gusts some lower slopes northwest of major ridges and summits.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking widely very difficult on higher areas, in particularly through some passes and cols. Significant, sometimes sudden buffeting some lower slopes. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Rain rarely Rain here and there, mostly briefly - probably amounting to little more than 'spots in the wind'.
Cloud on the hills?	Very little The mountains predominantly free of cloud, although here and there higher summits may be capped in cloud, mostly near rain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%
Sunshine and air clarity?	A few glimpses of sun here and there. Otherwise, overcast. Visibility good, but marked haze.
How Cold? (at 900m)	2 to 4C. Will feel as cold as minus 12 Celsius directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	1100m or above.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 15 March	Friday 16 March
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southeasterly 50 to 70mph. Local sudden gusts reaching lower slopes through cols and NW of major ridges and summits. Widely very difficult walking on higher areas, and also intermittently lower slopes mainly NW of major ridges and summits. Severe wind chill.	Easterly in the range 40 to 60mph. Sudden gusts reaching some lower slopes west of major ridges. Difficult walking and significant wind chill where exposed on the hills. Sudden buffeting even on some lower slopes.
How wet?	Little or no precipitation Isolated light rain, or on higher tops snow flurries above 800m. Precipitation not expected near the coast.	Precipitation rare if any. Isolated snow, most likely flurries on easternmost hills. Any precipitation unlikely toward the coast. Initially rain below 600 to 800m, but progressively snow penetrating to lower slopes, perhaps as low as 200m by dusk.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Extensive east; breaking up westwards Blanket of fog over North Sea will envelop eastern areas north from about Ben Wyvis; the cloud more or less constantly from lower slopes up. Progressively westwards, the cloud base will lift; toward the coast, higher summits may only occasionally be capped in cloud. 30%	Very little, particularly near coast Banks of fog may shroud higher tops easternmost slopes above about 700m. Progressively west toward the coast, fog less likely to cap even highest summits. 50%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Patches of sun, mainly close to west coast. Hazy at best.	Sunshine intermittently toward coast; little sun eastern mountains. Hazy - least haze near the coast.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	Ranging from 3C some summits near west coast to -1C easternmost summits. Above the summits near the coast to as low as 750m easternmost summits.	0 to 2C dropping from northeast to -2 to -4C. Up to highest summits near west coast south of Ullapool after dawn. Otherwise 700m dropping from NE toward 550m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 15 March, 2018**

Turning progressively colder toward and through the weekend. Extensive low cloud and rain, increasingly turning to snow concentrated more eastern mountains toward the weekend (considerable snowfall SE highlands). By the weekend, the snow lying on lower slopes, but very little will fall on western mountains.

Widespread upland gales will ease over the weekend, initially over the Scottish Highlands, to give a period of cold dry weather early next week.

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