

The Northwest Highlands

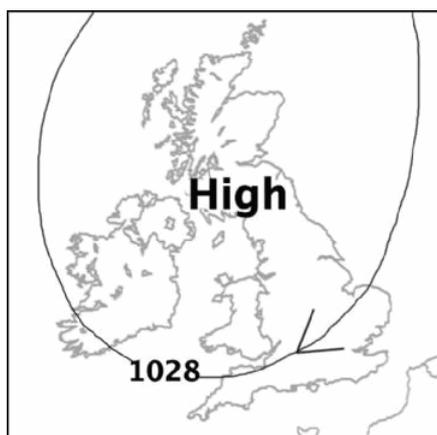
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Thursday, 17 May, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 May, 2018

Extensive sunshine - beware sunburn - although above the summits, some areas will tend to cloud over in the afternoon. Almost windless and the air very clear indeed. Slight frost many valleys at dawn, but becoming warm in the afternoon,

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Almost windless. Bright sunshine. Temperatures rising markedly.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 17 May, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	Direction may well vary 10mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible
How wet?	No rain
Cloud on the hills?	Very little if any Fragments on a few higher slopes after dawn will by mid-morning lift above the summits.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Almost certain by mid-morning
Sunshine and air clarity?	Extensive sunshine, although will tend to turn more cloudy inland in afternoon.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1C rising to 9C, although to 5C Cuillins.
Freezing Level	1050m after dawn. Will lift above the summits. Slight frost many glens at dawn.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 18 May	Saturday 19 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South or southwesterly; 25-30mph coastal summits to 15-20mph near Great Glen north to Ben Wyvis. Mostly small well inland, but may well impede ease of walking on higher tops.	Southerly, strengthening gradually from 20 to 30mph easternmost summits to 25 later 40mph coastal summits. Mostly fairly small easternmost areas. Toward the coast, walking increasingly arduous on higher areas.
How wet?	Drizzly rain mainly coastal hills Drizzly rain on and off coastal hills - mainly on and north Skye north to west coastal Wester Ross. Elsewhere, rain rarely. Total rainfall small everywhere.	Rain not expected
Cloud on the hills?	Many summits cloud free; although Cuillins may be in cloud all day Most, hills free of fog throughout the day. However, low cloud will tend to envelop coastal areas, mostly above 750 to 900m, but on and near Skye may become persistent, the base perhaps sometimes below 450m.	Little if any Fragments of cloud may form on and near Skye - not necessarily on highest tops.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%	80%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Little or no sun due to high level cloud. Very good or excellent visibility.	Bright sunshine and just patchy cloud forming. Excellent visibility, although more hazy as day progresses toward west coast.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	7C, although nearer 5C near the coast. Above the summits	10C, but 8C Cuillins. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 18 May, 2018**

Extensively fine with sunshine and light wind over the coming week to ten days. However, rain will spread inland across western Scotland on Sunday, perhaps reaching eastern mountains before evening. The rain may well continue off and on through Monday, and could also temporarily affect hills near the Irish Sea. The dry conditions should then resume. On the Scottish Highlands, sustained snowmelt, although some routes, mainly those in from the north onto some Munros are likely to remain blocked by hard snow and ice.

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