

# The Northwest Highlands

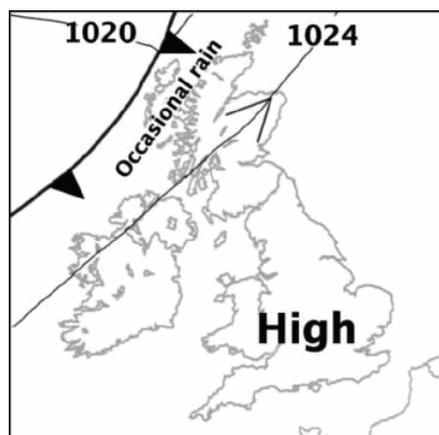
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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## General Summary for Friday, 18 May, 2018



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 18 May, 2018**

A weakening front will bring a little light rain to the Scottish Highlands, mainly near west coast - but even here total rainfall very small. Windy coastal NW Highlands. Fine, excellent visibility from S. Scotland southwards and almost windless.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

A little rain, mainly near coast, where windy.

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 18 May, 2018

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	South or southwesterly; 25 to occasionally 30mph coastal summits to 15-20mph near Great Glen north to Ben Wyvis. Across region will tend to ease through afternoon.  <b>Mostly small well inland, but may well impede ease of walking on higher tops.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Drizzly rain mainly coastal hills</b> Drizzly rain occasionally within a few miles of the general lie of the west coast. Total rainfall very small. Elsewhere, light rain, if any, rarely.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Many summits cloud free; although Cuillins may be in cloud</b> Most, hills free of fog throughout the day. However, low cloud will tend to envelop summits within a few miles of the general lie of the west coast, mostly above 750 to 900m, but on and near Skye may become extensive, the base may drop below 450m.  <b>Greater than 90%, but 30% Cuillins</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Little or no sun due to high level cloud. Very good or excellent visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	7C, although 5C near the coast.  Above the summits. Ground frost some glens at dawn.

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	<b>Saturday 19 May</b>	<b>Sunday 20 May</b>
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southerly, strengthening gradually from 20 to 30mph easternmost summits to 25 later 40mph coastal summits. <b>Mostly fairly small easternmost areas. Toward the coast, walking increasingly arduous on higher areas.</b>	South to southwesterly 30 to 40mph. <b>Walking likely to be arduous where exposed on higher areas. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Rain not expected</b>	<b>Rain on and off all day</b> Rain intermittently, most constant on and near Skye. Total rainfall small eastern summits in Sutherland south to Ben Wyvis and Great Glen.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Little if any</b>  Fragments of cloud may form on and near Skye - not necessarily on highest tops.  <b>80%</b>	<b>Extensive on higher areas</b>  Persistent fog from lower slopes up on and near Skye north to coastal areas of Sutherland and above 500 to 700m Knoydart and west of Kintail. Elsewhere, most cloud confined above 800 to 1000m.  <b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Bright sunshine and just patchy cloud forming. Excellent visibility, although more hazy as day progresses toward west coast.	Little or no sunshine. Visibility intermittently reduced by rain, but frequently very good away from western mountains.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	10C, but 8C Cuillins.  Above the summits.	6C  Above the summits.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 19 May, 2018**

Frequently dry with forecast charts indicating fairly high pressure over the next week to 10 days. Nevertheless, not completely dry with rain NW Britain Sunday and Monday, and threat bursts of thundery rain England and Wales centred on Tuesday. Fairly warm, but with significant snow patches remaining on the Scottish Highlands; despite sustained snowmelt, routes onto some Munros (mainly those coming in from the north) are likely to remain blocked by hard snow and ice.

**Forecast issued at 15:59 on Thursday, 17 May, 2018**

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