

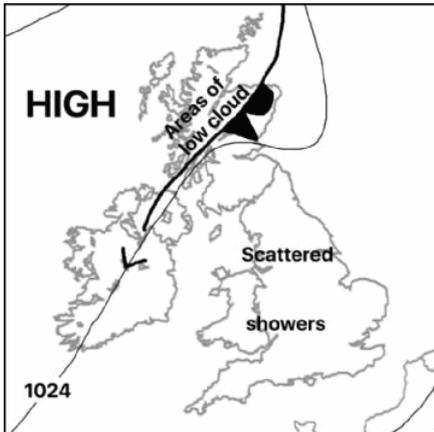
The Northwest Highlands

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, 12 July, 2018



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 12 July, 2018

A weak front will bring largely cloudy and damp conditions across the Scottish Highlands with cloud shrouding the hills much of the day; but tending to lift to higher slopes with local showers breaking out. Elsewhere, early patches of mist and low cloud will lift and clear, but scattered showers will develop.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Extensive low cloud gradually lifting. Isolated drizzle, shower risk later.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 12 July, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	Direction variable, rarely more than 5mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy drizzle, risk of a shower later Many places substantially dry, but a little drizzly rain may linger for several hours locally. A possibility of isolated showers breaking out inland in the afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, lifting with local breaks PM Areas of cloud from very low levels up from dawn giving extensive hill fog. Most should lift to 800m or above into the afternoon with local breaks developing to the tops. However, some locations may see low cloud hang over the hills much of the day, mostly eastern hills.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, but here and there occasional sun breaking through, particularly coastal hills PM. A general haze, perhaps murky some areas, but visibility improving into the afternoon.
How Cold? (at 900m)	7 to 10C, coolest where in cloud.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 13 July	Saturday 14 July
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Direction variable, little wind much of day. May become southwesterly 15-25mph western hills by evening. Mostly negligible	Southwesterly 20-35 mph; strongest across western coastal hills. Will impede walking at times across higher areas, locally arduous in the west.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no rain A few drizzly outbreaks or even a local burst of rain possible from early morning, but most of the region generally dry.	Drizzly rain edging eastwards Drizzly rain will arrive across the west coast by late morning, and then spread to all areas through the afternoon. Amounts generally small; with very little reaching easternmost hills.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Becoming confined to high tops Banks of cloud at various levels from lower slopes up post-dawn. Most cloud lifting above 700-900m, with breaks to higher tops in afternoon. 40%	Becoming fairly extensive in rain A few patches of cloud across higher areas from dawn will tend to clear. Eastern hills then clear for many hours. However, as rain arrives, cloud will lower onto the hills and become extensive in the west where down to lowest slopes later. 30% in west, 60% east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine breaking through, most widely coastal hills by afternoon. Visibility typically very good; locally murky early in day.	A few glimpses of weak sun in morning, mainly well inland. Overcast by afternoon. Visibility very good at first, but deteriorating with onset of drizzly rain.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	9 to 12C Above the summits	11 or 12C Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 13 July, 2018**

Pressure stays fairly high on Friday, but some instability in the atmosphere will trigger a few showers over the hills - local thunderstorms possible. Areas of low cloud, but also breaks to many higher summits. Winds generally very light. By the weekend, weak fronts to edge east across Scotland bringing a little drizzly rain and low cloud; mainly across western hills. It will remain largely dry across England and Wales. A fairly slack pressure pattern is likely into next week, and with a warm and quite humid airmass in place, showers will develop; these perhaps more widespread later in the week.

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