

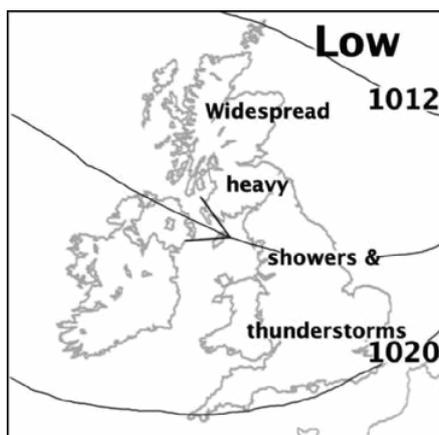
The Northwest Highlands

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, 10 August, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 10 August, 2018

Widespread showers - generally transferring from western mountains to areas well inland where in afternoon there will be thunderstorms and in places the rain, often heavy becoming constant for an hour or two. Fairly light wind - though temporarily gusty near rain.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Cold; heavy showers, hail and risk of thunder. Light wind.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 10 August, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 10 to 15mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers; mostly transferring well inland by afternoon. Risk lightning. Showers morning, most widely near the coast. The rain progressively extending eastwards, becoming heavy well inland by midday. Expect hail. Risk thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Intermittently clearing most summits - forming quickly near heavy rain. Cloud base will vary; in the morning will frequently or persistently shroud hills within 10 miles of the general lie of the west coast above 750, later 1000m, whilst well inland, summits only occasionally covered. By afternoon, tops often cloud free, but in rain fog reforming, in places on lower slopes where rain sets in.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine between showers; most extensive along west coast in afternoon. Visibility generally excellent but deteriorating quickly in heavy rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5C coastal tops; rising to 7 or 8C well inland.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 11 August	Sunday 12 August
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West backing south to southeasterly, 10mph most of daylight, but 20 or on and near Skye, risk 30mph by dusk. Small, but toward evening may begin to impede ease of walking on higher areas.	Low confidence in this forecast. East veering southeasterly; up to 30mph, but easing, perhaps substantially from S. Likely to impede ease of walking on higher areas, although conditions likely to ease from the south.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no rain A few passing showers, mainly far north after dawn. These will die out. Increasing risk of rain starting on and near Skye evening (extending northeast after dark).	Rain very likely A band of rain likely to move northwards, most persistent away from west coastal summits. Uncertainty as to the extent it clears northwards during the day - could persist far north.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Hills substantially cloud free Many summits free of cloud throughout daylight. But over a few hours after dawn, mainly north from Torridon, cloud frequently above 700m, albeit the base will rise to clear the summits in the morning. Fog will begin to return to higher tops in rain, evening onwards. 80%	Extensive, particularly inland Fog very likely across most hills, in some areas (most likely far north) may never clear. Generally the fog will be on lower slopes eastern areas, but often confined to higher tops toward west coast. A clearance to or above most summits may well advance northwards during daylight. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine in and out, although cloud will tend to fill in. Visibility excellent.	Sunshine may gradually come through from the south (may never reach far north). Excellent visibility will slowly penetrate northwards.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5 rising to 10C Above the summits	6C far north morning. Will tend to rise to 10 to perhaps 13C from the south. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 11 August, 2018**

Colder and wetter countrywide over the next week to 10 days. Rain (either as periods of constant rain or just showers) likely at some stage most days, although there will also be dry days. Cloud will often shroud higher tops, particularly western mountains in the mornings.

Forecast issued at 7:24 on Friday, 10 August, 2018

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