

The Northwest Highlands

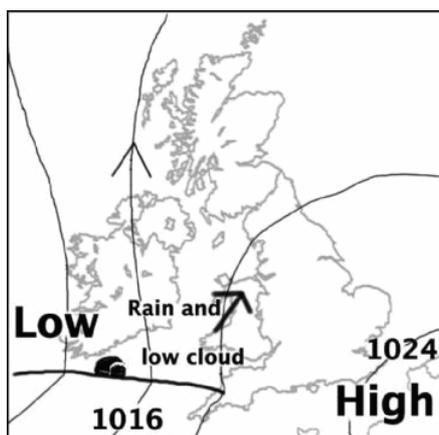
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Saturday, 11 August, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 August, 2018

Fine with little wind almost all day almost all of Scotland under a ridge of high pressure. From the south across Wales and later N England and by dusk S Scotland, windier, increasingly wet and foggy.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Fine; little wind and very clear air.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 11 August, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	West backing south to southeasterly, 10mph most of daylight, but 20 or perhaps on and near Skye, risk 25mph by dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible most of daylight
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain unlikely Risk of the odd shower after dawn and of very light rain here and there in the afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Hills substantially cloud free Many summits free of cloud throughout daylight. But over a few hours after dawn, mainly north from Torridon, cloud intermittently above 700m, albeit the base will rise to clear the summits mid morning.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Greater than 90% by late morning
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine in and out, although cloud will tend to fill in. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5 rising to 11C
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 12 August	Monday 13 August
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Low confidence in this forecast. East veering southeasterly; 30 to 40mph. Slowly from south will change to 15mph. Considerable buffeting, even on some lower slopes, before conditions ease markedly, at least south of Torridon.	Westerly 10 to perhaps 20mph afternoon onwards. Small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Band of rain moving slowly north A band of rain will move slowly northwards, most persistent away from west coastal summits. Still uncertainty in timing; the far north may be dry for some hours from dawn, whilst it is likely to clear slowly from the south afternoon/evening.	Showers Generally only showers, these tending to migrate inland after being concentrated on coastal areas morning. Additional risk, most likely far north of areas of earlier persistent rain continuing into the day before slowly clearing.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Extensive, particularly inland Fog very likely to become extensive across most hills, in far north once formed will probably persist. Generally the fog will form on lower slopes eastern areas, but often confined to higher tops toward west coast. A clearance to or above most summits will advance slowly north during 30%	Extensive on higher areas Fog will shroud higher areas extensively after dawn; lowest toward the coast where extensive above 600m. The base will tend to rise, by afternoon, on western hills, most cloud above 800 to 1000m, whilst well inland, higher tops should intermittently clear. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine may gradually come through from the south (unlikely to reach far north). Excellent visibility both ahead of and after rain, but otherwise often poor.	Occasional sunshine only. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	6C far north morning. Will tend to rise to 10 to perhaps 13C from the south. Above the summits.	9C Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 12 August, 2018**

Colder and wetter countryside over the next week or so. Rain (either as periods of constant rain or just showers) likely at some stage on several days, although some days dry. Cloud will often shroud higher tops, particularly western mountains in the mornings.

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