

The Northwest Highlands

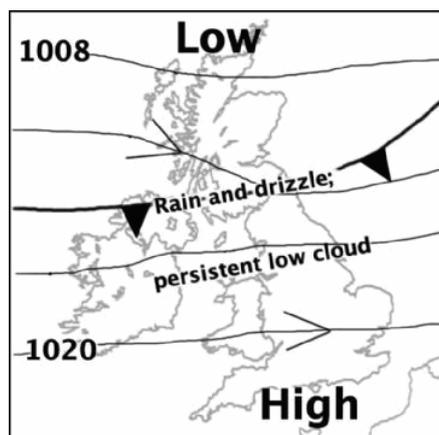
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Friday, 14 September, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 September, 2018

Windy, particularly morning Scottish Highlands. A weak front will continue to lie across central Britain, bringing bursts of rain, and very extensive low cloud - this giving fog on many lower west coastal slopes. Colder and showery N Scotland, risk thunder. Wet snow highest tops.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland gales or near gales easing slowly. Frequent rain/hail; chance thunder. Cold.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 14 September, 2018

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Southwest soon veering westerly, 45mph post dawn. By midday 30 to 35mph, strongest far north. By evening, mostly 25mph.</p> <p>Walking arduous on the hills morning. Conditions will slowly ease.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Frequent showers. Hail, wet snow highest tops, risk lightning.</p> <p>Showers, of hail and increasingly snow on highest tops, sometimes very frequent, particularly western hills. Risk thunder.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Extensive on higher areas</p> <p>Cloud bases up and down between showers. In rain, patches around 500m. Otherwise, most cloud above 800m near the coast and 1000m well inland. May break off higher tops occasionally.</p> <p>30%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Brief glimpses of sun, mainly well inland. Visibility frequently excellent.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>3C</p> <p>Just above highest summits.</p>

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 15 September	Sunday 16 September
How windy? (On the Munros)	West backing southwesterly 25 to 30mph. Will strengthen evening.	Southwesterly 45 to 60mph post dawn. Will ease during morning to 40-45mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly fairly small.	Walking widely difficult where exposed on higher areas, especially morning. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers Showers, of wet snow on highest tops. Threat of rain becoming extensive later in day and rarely ceasing overnight overnight.	Rain on and off Rain and drizzle morning, most frequent toward the coast. Showers by afternoon across region when hail higher slopes and wet snow highest tops.
Cloud on the hills?	Shrouding higher tops frequently Cloud base will vary, dropping below 700m near showers, most extensively near the coast. Otherwise, by late morning, most cloud above 900 to well inland 1050m.	Very extensive; but gradually improving Fog across the hills after dawn, widely from lower slopes up near the west coast north to Wester Ross. Elsewhere, patches lower slopes, but mostly above 600m. By afternoon, cloud base will vary between 500 and 800m near the coast to 600 to 950m well inland.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, most widely well inland in morning - sheet of high level cloud then thickening. Mostly excellent visibility.	Glimpses of sun only, mainly lower slopes well inland. Hazy.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C post dawn; rising toward 6C.	4C (though a few degrees higher temporary in morning).
Freezing Level	1200m post dawn, above the summits by midday. Widespread frost in glens at dawn.	Just above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 15 September, 2018**

Frequently windy, wet with extensive low cloud, with the worst conditions focussed on western mountains - for the next week to ten days. Risk around Tuesday of stormy very wet weather although the timing and track of the worst conditions is very uncertain.

Forecast issued at 14:45 on Thursday, 13 September, 2018

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