

The Northwest Highlands

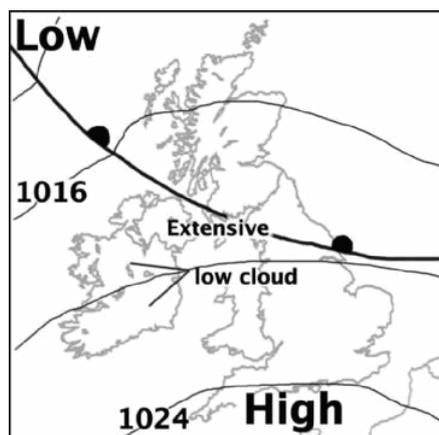
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Saturday, 15 September, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 September, 2018

For most mountain areas something of a lull for a while before gales develop towards or soon after dusk. Cold enough for snow at first in showers over highest tops in Scotland. After initially rising, threat of cloud bases falling over ranges near Irish Sea later in the day.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Showers, wet and windy evening

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 15 September, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	West backing southwesterly 25mph. Will strengthen evening; upland gales after dark.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small - but walking quickly becoming difficult after dusk.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers Showers, of wet snow on highest tops. Threat of rain becoming extensive in evening, or perhaps late afternoon on and near Skye.
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.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, most widely well inland in morning - sheet of high level cloud then thickening. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C post dawn; rising toward 6C.
Freezing Level	1200m post dawn, above the summits by midday. Widespread frost in glens at dawn.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 16 September	Monday 17 September
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 45 to 65mph post dawn. Will ease during morning to 40-45mph and a little lower by evening. Walking widely difficult where exposed on higher areas, especially morning. Significant wind chill.	Southwesterly backing more southerly and increasing from 25 to around 40mph by dusk and further overnight. Increasing amounts of buffeting with likelihood of difficult walking conditions in the evening.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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.	Intermittent rain Perhaps mostly dry in the morning apart from a few coastal showers. 2 or 3 hours of rain likely some time later in the day but very little north of Ullapool.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	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. Will improve middle of day as most cloud lifts above 700m with breaks to 900 to 1100m. 30%	Most extensive south Probably well broken for a while at first but lowering considerably in rain to south and west of Ullapool by midday, though only higher tops covered further east and north 40% falling to 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun only, mainly lower slopes well inland. Hazy.	Glimpses of sunshine mainly to north of higher tops. Visibility very good or excellent away from rain.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	4C (though a few degrees higher temporary in morning). Just above the summits.	3 rising to 6C Soon rising above highest summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 16 September, 2018**

Generally rather cold and unsettled with rain focused onto northwestern ranges. Remains of hurricane Helene threaten to bring very strong winds, a brief appreciable rise of temperatures and locally heavy rain quickly northwards around Monday night and into Tuesday. Showers or longer spells of rain likely across many area at some time on Tuesday and/or Wednesday. Further ahead there appears to be a trend towards higher pressure with a good chance of a significant rise in temperatures for a while. Still a chance of a spell of wet and windy weather in north and west around Friday.

Forecast issued at 18:58 on Friday, 14 September, 2018

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