

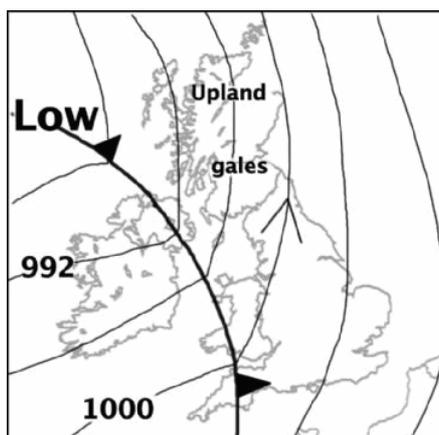
The Northwest Highlands

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, 11 October, 2018



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 11 October, 2018

Pulses of rain will move northeastwards; although most mountain areas will be dry for much of the day. Cloud base will vary considerably, both through the day and region by region. The resulting fog will be most persistent SE Highlands.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland gales; occasional rain. Cloud sometimes covering higher tops.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 11 October, 2018

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>South to southeasterly, 40 to 60mph; speed fluctuating (strongest after dawn and again from mid-afternoon). Very gusty north of major ridges.</p> <p>Arduous walking widely, but often difficult where exposed, mainly on higher areas. Very strong gusts reaching lower slopes will give sudden buffeting.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Occasional rain, mainly late in day Showers isolated before later afternoon, initially on and near Skye, rain falls for an hour or two.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Intermittently clearing most higher summits Expect variation in cloud base; during and after rain, patches at 750m, sometimes 400m easternmost slopes north from Ben Wyvis, and increasingly on west coastal slopes (especially Skye) during afternoon. Otherwise, periods when most or all summits are cloud free.</p> <p>60%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Occasional sunshine - overall extensive cloud, this sometimes high and thin. Visibility often very good, most pronounced haze will be on lower slopes.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>9C, although will drop toward 5C toward dusk.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 12 October	Saturday 13 October
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly, in the range 70 to 100mph.	Southerly, in the range 15 to perhaps 30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Very difficult conditions from low levels up. Any mobility tortuous on higher terrain. Severe wind chill.	Mostly fairly small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain on and off A sequence of wet - dry - wet - dry, as bands of rain move quickly northwards.	Risk showers Substantially dry, although showers over the sea to the west may encroach onto coastal areas, and risk of an envelope of rain to the east, edging back westwards into the NW Highlands.
Cloud on the hills?	Intermittently clearing many tops Cloud base changing rapidly. At times shrouding the hills extensively, but intermittently clearing higher summits, whilst banks of low cloud may linger on some lower slopes.	Many summits clearing Fog may hang on some higher slopes, particularly corries, and shroud higher coastal slopes. Otherwise, many summits free of cloud.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief bursts of sunshine. A general haze, but visibility may be very good for periods.	Sunshine may come through although high level cloud may well be extensive. Mostly excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Around 5C.	5C
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 12 October, 2018**

Rain and upland gales will be frequent across the mountains over the next 10 days (winds widely storm force on Friday). Most rain will be on western mountains.

However, overall drier and less windy on Sunday and Monday, but still showers, mainly on western mountains. In Scotland, on the Munros, the precipitation will be of hail and snow.

Forecast issued at 7:23 on Thursday, 11 October, 2018

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