

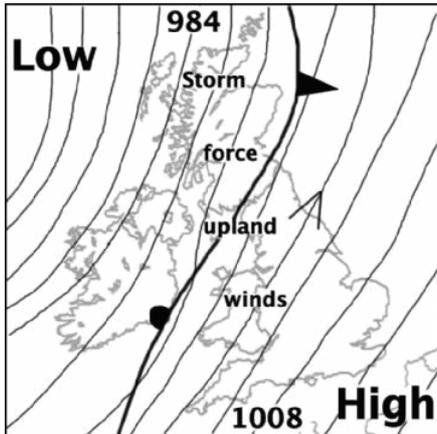
The Northwest Highlands

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, 12 October, 2018



British Mountain Summary:
 Based on forecast chart for noon 12 October, 2018

Frequent storm force upland winds around an intense low to the north west of Ireland (although winds not as extreme as anticipated earlier in the week). There will also be widespread rain, considerable falls Lakes and Wales (focussed S Wales, where some flooding).

Headline for The Northwest Highlands
 Storm force upland winds. Intermittent rain.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 12 October, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly, 50 to 80mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Very difficult conditions from low levels up. Any mobility tortuous on higher terrain. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain on and off A sequence of wet - dry - wet - dry, as bands of rain move quickly northwards.
Cloud on the hills?	Intermittently clearing many tops Cloud base changing, sometimes rapidly. Temporarily shrouding the summits extensively, but intermittently clearing higher summits - although the Cuillins may be foggy most or all day.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief bursts of sunshine temporarily morning. Very hazy at best; visibility dropping further in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Varying, sometimes abruptly between 5 and 9C. Will feel as cold as minus 6 Celsius directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 13 October	Sunday 14 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly, in the range 15 to perhaps 30mph. Mostly fairly small	West backing southwesterly: speeds typically 30mph. May drop to 25mph well inland, but later 35mph toward the coast. Likely to impede ease of walking on higher areas, and may before dusk make walking arduous toward the coast.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk widespread rain Confidence low: Substantially dry, particularly far north. Showers over the sea to the west may encroach onto coastal areas, and now significant risk of an envelope of rain to the east, edging back westwards into the NW Highlands.	Hail and snow showers. Small risk overnight rain lingering until after dawn (snow higher tops). Otherwise, hail and above 800m snow showers, fairly frequent toward the coast, although well scattered by afternoon Sutherland. Well inland, showers isolated by midday.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Many summits clearing Fog may hang on some higher slopes, particularly corries, and shroud higher areas, widely so where raining. However, many summits may free of cloud, particularly far north. 40%	Confined to higher tops Cloud rare near showers below 600m, but most cloud above 850m. By afternoon, except near the west coast south from Wester Ross, summits frequently cloud free. 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine may come through although high level cloud may well be extensive. Mostly excellent visibility.	Bright sunshine in and out (least sun coastal summits south from Wester Ross). Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5C Above the summits.	2C 1100m. Frost some glens at dawn.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 13 October, 2018**

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.

Further deep Atlantic lows will then bring further bouts of upland gales and particularly to western mountains rain and low cloud.

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