

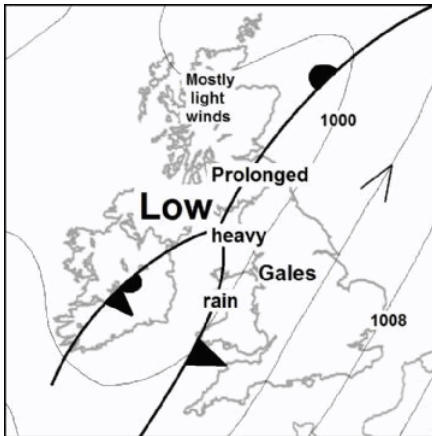
The Northwest Highlands

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, 13 October, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 October, 2018

A frontal wave will continue to influence the UK, bringing rain to many areas. The most prolonged falls will affect Wales, the Lakes and southern Scotland, where the rain at times torrential. Streams and rivers will be in spate or flood. Gales focused on the Pennines & Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Wind mostly light. Risk of some rain, but several hours dry.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 13 October, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	Direction varied, rarely more than 15mph. Post-dawn, may be southwesterly 20-30mph for a few hours on coastal hills.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, risk of rain developing from south Some areas substantially dry for many hours, particularly far north. Showers over the sea to the west may encroach onto coastal areas. A zone of rain pushes toward the region from the south, most likely affecting areas nearest the Great Glen where a risk of rain setting in.
Cloud on the hills?	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.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A little sun possible in morning, but weak due to high level cloud; becoming overcast. Mostly excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 14 October	Monday 15 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West backing southwesterly: 30mph risk 40mph morning. 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.	Southwesterly 20 to 25mph, at times 30mph summits nearest west coast. Fairly small, but may impede walking some western tops.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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.	Occasional showers A few showers, of snow above 900-1000m, or briefly hail. Most frequent on coastal hills from Wester Ross southwards, but rare across Sutherland.
Cloud on the hills?	Confined to higher tops Cloud near showers rarely below 600m, but most cloud above 850m. By afternoon, except near the west coast south from Wester Ross, summits frequently cloud free.	Persistent western tops Often covering mountains above 800-1000m, most persistent Skye & Torridon, briefly 600m around showers. Fleeting breaks to higher tops, most common toward Sutherland.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine in and out (least sun coastal summits south from Wester Ross). Excellent visibility.	Sunshine in and out, most frequent away from west coast. Excellent visibility; slight haze western mountains.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	2C 1100m. Chance of frost some glens at dawn.	3C Around 1300m at first, lifting just above highest summits. Frost some glens at dawn.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 14 October, 2018**

A mobile weather pattern during the week ahead will see a series of Atlantic lows pass to the north of Scotland, bringing further bouts of upland gales, with rain and low cloud most persistent in western Scotland. Intermittent lulls, and precipitation reduced to just a few showers. Typically driest for England & Wales. Temperatures varied, but only rarely below freezing on higher Scottish summits. Most western mountains will be very wet underfoot, with streams initially in spate or flood, particularly Wales and the Lakes following the rain this weekend.

Forecast issued at 16:17 on Friday, 12 October, 2018

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