

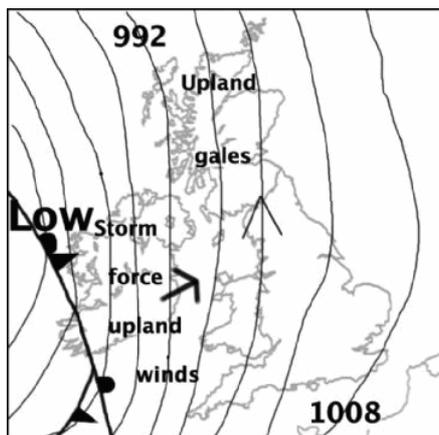
The Northwest Highlands

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, 9 November, 2018



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 9 November, 2018

Windy; widespread upland gales Scottish Highlands. Overall extensive fog higher areas, and patches of rain will drift northwards. Through afternoon Wales, and after dusk elsewhere, deteriorating conditions as storm force winds and heavy rain spread north-eastwards.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland gales; occasional rain.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 9 November, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly, 40 to 50mph. Will strengthen to 60-70mph after dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	Arduous or difficult walking and significant wind chill where exposed. Conditions will quickly become very difficult after dark.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Occasional rain, snow higher tops Bursts of rain over an hour or two in some areas, although overall substantially dry. Snow above 1000m. Persistent rain (snow high tops) arriving on/near Skye soon after dusk - then quickly extending elsewhere.
Cloud on the hills?	Many tops clearing Many higher summits will be intermittently or extensively cloud free. However, near rain, patches will form down to around 500m, or 350m eastern summits in Sutherland, and the fog extensive above 750m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun, mostly across the far north, weakening as high cloud builds from the south-west. Visibility very good, but an increasing haze.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C
Freezing Level	1250m. Slight frost in a few glens at dawn.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 10 November	Sunday 11 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	South veering southwesterly 35 to 40mph, perhaps occasionally 45mph.	Southerly 20 to 30mph; strongest summits toward the west coast.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking difficult and wind chill significant where exposed, particularly toward west coast.	Likely to impede ease of walking on higher areas.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery; hail, snow higher tops Occasional showers, although frequently dry Sutherland and hills well inland from west coast elsewhere. However, across the region threat of the precipitation very frequent for an hour or two. Snow above 950m.	Showers; hail, snow on the Munros Occasional showers, although threat along the coast, particularly south from West Ross of the precipitation frequent over a couple of hours. Hail and above 900m, snow.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive higher areas toward west Periods when cloud extensive above 650m and patches below 400m. However, away from western hills in Sutherland and on easternmost hills elsewhere, periods when cloud only occasionally forms below 600m and breaks develop up to 900 or 1000m.	Mostly confined to higher tops Generally cloud base 1000m or above, although nearer 700m near showers. However, near the west coast south from Wester Ross, frequently cloud above 700m, dropping toward 400m near showers.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, particularly in the east. Visibility generally good or inland very good.	Sunshine intermittently, although little sun west coastal hills south from Wester Ross. Visibility often excellent, but abruptly very poor in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C	2C
Freezing Level	1250m	1200m

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 10 November, 2018**

Winds almost constantly southerly over the next week to ten days will mean only higher summits in Scotland occasionally below freezing point. Rain at some stage most days (although probably drier from mid-week next week). Often windy and fog will frequently shroud the summits - and at times even lower slopes. Generally least rainfall and often little low cloud NW Highlands.

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