

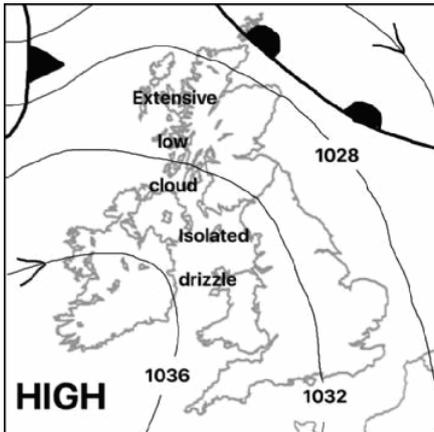
The Northwest Highlands

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, 11 January, 2019



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 11 January, 2019

Moist and blustery westerly winds will result in extensive cloud shrouding many hills with patches of drizzle; especially across western Scotland. However, little if any drizzle will affect the Pennines where cloud will be confined to higher western tops.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Blustery and damp with extensive hill fog and drizzle, especially in west.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 11 January, 2019

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 30 to locally 35mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Will impede ease of walking on higher areas, although locally walking arduous.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly Intermittent drizzly rain, frequent western hills, where most of the day damp, but total rainfall small. Snow or snow grains on higher slopes. On easternmost summits and slopes, light rain or drizzle only rarely.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Shrouding most mountains above 600 to 800m, lowest toward the west coast, where forming on lower slopes in places. Toward the Great Glen, some breaks to 900m or above.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun. A general haze western mountains; visibility good toward east.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1 or 2C
Freezing Level	1100m or above. Higher terrain widely frozen.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 12 January	Sunday 13 January
How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 40mph	West veering northwest, 45 to 60mph, may ease towards dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking likely to be difficult, and wind chill significant, where exposed on higher areas.	Walking difficult across higher areas, and locally at times to lower slopes, with significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain increasingly frequent A band of rain, or initially snow above 900m, will advance northeastwards, although timing uncertain. The rain may rarely cease all day on and near Skye, but not reach Ben Wyvis and much of Sutherland until late in day.	Frequent rain Persistent rain from dawn will tend to give way to frequent showers by mid to late morning. These progressively falling as snow down to 600-700m through the day.
Cloud on the hills?	Slowly filtering across region Most summits initially cloud free; but blanket fog from lower slopes up on and near Skye, will spread north (probably slowly) to envelop all coastal hills. The cloud will also extend inland, although here mostly above 650m.	Extensive Cloud will shroud the hills fairly extensively through the day with bases around 600-800m, but patches lowering in the west down to 300-400m in precipitation. Best of the breaks across Easter Ross.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine. Excellent visibility before becoming poor from southwest in precipitation.	Rare glimpses of sun, mainly towards Great Glen. Visibility often reduced due to precipitation.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1C, tending to rise to 4C from southwest.	Around 3 or 4C at dawn, soon lowering to 0C.
Freezing Level	1050m, rising from southwest to above the summits (although timing of the change uncertain as yet),	Above the summits at dawn, soon lowering to 900m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 12 January, 2019**

A gradual change this weekend and into next week as a broad band of generally westerly winds becomes established. Precipitation will fall, mainly on western mountains, as fronts come through and upland gales will be frequent, particularly Scottish Highlands.

Temperature wise, a more typical range with freeze thaw cycles on the Scottish Highlands, allowing some accumulation of snow on the Munros. Elsewhere, higher summits occasionally below freezing point, but lying snow, if any, transient.

Forecast issued at 15:32 on Thursday, 10 January, 2019

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