

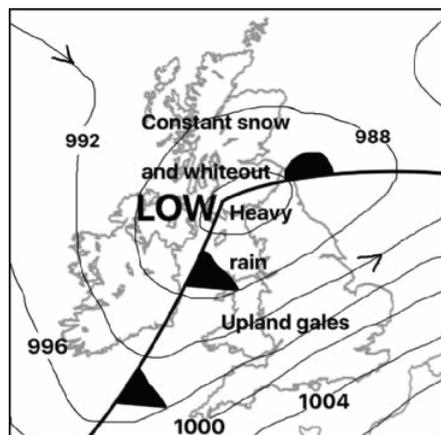
The Northwest Highlands

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, 16 March, 2019



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 March, 2019

Scotland: Widespread snow spreading north with sustained whiteout developing and significant accumulations. Snow turning to rain to high tops in far south for a time.

England/Wales: Severe gales, heavy rain and low cloud. Snow for a time across N Pennines/Lakes at first and again by evening.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Largely dry morning. Increasing risk of snow from south in afternoon.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 16 March, 2019

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 15-25mph at dawn, strongest Sutherland. Will ease to 10-15mph or less by late morning. Later in afternoon, becoming northerly 15-25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small, but marked wind chill around dawn and again towards dusk.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Largely dry morning, snow edging north PM. Largely dry morning, bar the odd snow shower in the west. However, increasing risk of snow edging in from the south during the afternoon. Becoming fairly persistent across southern areas with risk of periods of whiteout. Northern areas may see little more than a few snow showers.
Cloud on the hills?	Good breaks, lowering in snow later. Hills likely clear for many hours, although banks of cloud will affect western hills above 800m for a few hours. Should snow develop from the south during the afternoon, cloud will become extensive across the hills.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun through high level cloud in morning, cloudy afternoon. Visibility very good in morning, but becoming lowering in afternoon and becoming very poor should snow develop.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-4C, but feeling closer to -15C for a time both early and late on, in direct exposure to strongest winds.
Freezing Level	400-500m, lowering further should snow develop from the south in the afternoon.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 17 March	Monday 18 March
How windy? (On the Munros)	Northwest later northerly in the range 30-40mph.	Northwest backing westerly 15-25mph, but risk 30mph around dawn.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous at times across higher areas with significant wind chill and buffeting.	May impede walking occasionally across higher areas with marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent snow/hail showers Frequent snow and hail showers through the day; may merge to give prolonged spell of snow and whiteout. Risk of isolated lightning.	Largely dry, risk of a little rain/snow later Dry for much of the day, or across eastern hills all of the day. However, increasing risk through the afternoon of patchy rain, and above 800-1000m snow, spreading in across western hills, mainly along and near the coast.
Cloud on the hills?	Often shrouding hills in north and west. Cloud base will vary; shafts below 500-600m in snow, but generally 800 to 1050m, lowest across coastal areas in north and west. Away from these areas, cloud intermittently breaking off higher summits.	Generally little, but lowering in west later. Other than a few patches coming and going across the tops, hills will be largely clear for many hours. However, increasing during the afternoon, cloud will lower onto western hills and become extensive; to lower slopes near west coast.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional bursts of sun between the showers, mostly in the south. Visibility at times very good, but often very poor due to snow with risk of whiteout.	Patches of sunshine in the morning will give way to cloudy skies in the afternoon. Visibility very good, but lowering markedly in patchy rain/snow in the west later.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2 to -4C, highest around middle of the day.	-3C lifting to 0C, perhaps 2C western coastal areas by dusk.
Freezing Level	400-600m, highest around middle of the day.	500m lifting to 900m, but perhaps up to 1200m west coast by dusk.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 17 March, 2019**

On Sunday, north to northwesterly winds will bring hail and snow showers across many hills, increasingly rain to lower slopes through day, with risk of local thunder. Largely fine on Monday, but low cloud and patchy rain/summit snow will reach western Scotland late on. This will then herald a change to milder, cloudier and at times damp conditions across Scotland with a period of sustained thaw. Higher pressure across England and Wales into the middle of the week will result in largely dry conditions here with lighter winds, although low cloud will affect western hills at times.

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