

# The Northwest Highlands

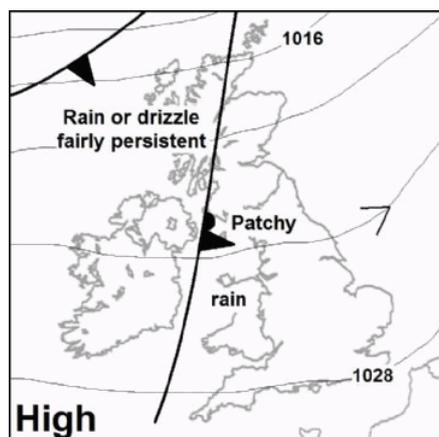
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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## General Summary for Tuesday, 19 March, 2019



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 19 March, 2019**

Mild southwesterlies bring low cloud to western hills, with rain or drizzle frequent or persistent for several hours; wettest conditions focused on western Scotland. Patchier rain and higher cloud breaks toward the east. Blustery N England & Scotland, up to gale force far N/NW Highlands.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Rain mostly western hills. Upland gales, strongest north.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 19 March, 2019

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southwesterly 30 to 40mph, risk 50mph summits toward far north.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Buffeting across hills, in places through passes and cols. Significant wind chill in exposure.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain on and off, most persistent west</b> Rain or drizzle frequent through the day, at times steady rain, particularly western hills and Skye. Briefly may be sleet on highest tops.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive, lowest west</b> Shrouding many mountains all day, from low levels up in west. Breaks to 600-800m or above mostly toward east.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun; glimpses around Moray Firth where visibility locally good. A general haze, or murky western hills.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	2 to 4C. Directly in the wind feeling like -10C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	May start close to 1000m, but lifting above the summits. Higher terrain essentially frozen, but a thaw developing.

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 20 March	Thursday 21 March
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southwesterly, 30 to 40mph, but may strengthen to 50-60mph later in day.	Southwesterly, 35 to 50mph, risk 65mph for a few hours.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking impeded, becoming increasingly arduous; very gusty through passes and to lower slopes in places.</b>	<b>Arduous conditions across the hills, with sudden buffeting through passes and in places to lower slopes. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Patchy rain, may set in west</b> Rain or drizzle likely to come and go much of day, most persistent on/near Skye. A few hours may be dry elsewhere. A risk of steadier, heavier rain coming back in from west.	<b>Risk persistent rain</b> Rain is likely to last for much of the day as a front trails across Scotland. Heaviest falls around Skye and Torridon, may set in for many hours. Possible sleet northern tops.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive west, risk very low</b>  Western mountains around Skye and Torridon shrouded much of the day, often to lower slopes. For a few hours, breaks may occur across Sutherland, but hills often covered above 800m.	<b>Extensive, lowest near Skye</b>  Widely covering the hills, from lowest slopes up around west coast from Wester Ross southwards. Higher bases to 600-800m in Sutherland. May lift briefly higher far north.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly little sun, cloud thickening again through day. Visibility may be briefly very good, especially Sutherland, but reduced in rain.	Sun unlikely west; glimpses possible toward Moray Firth. Murky many western hills, visibility very poor in rain; briefly may improve, mostly northern areas.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	3 to 5C.	3 to 5C, may drop to 1C from northwest during day.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits, but may be close to freezing on highest northern tops post-dawn.	Starting above the summits, but perhaps dropping to 1000m.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 20 March, 2019

A west to southwesterly airflow continues through this week and into the weekend. A series of frontal systems will move across Scotland, bringing frequent rain to the W/NW Highlands. Small amounts of rain E/SE Scotland. Winds reaching gale or severe gale force at times across the Highlands. Low cloud often plaguing western hills, even across England & Wales, although here rainfall typically patchy and light. Temperatures above freezing up to higher tops during midweek, with a gradual thaw, then cooler by Friday and the weekend, sub-zero at times on Scottish Munros. Highest tops in England & Wales rarely dropping below freezing. Into next week, most indications favour higher pressure and generally quieter weather.

### Forecast issued at 14:38 on Monday, 18 March, 2019

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