

The Northwest Highlands

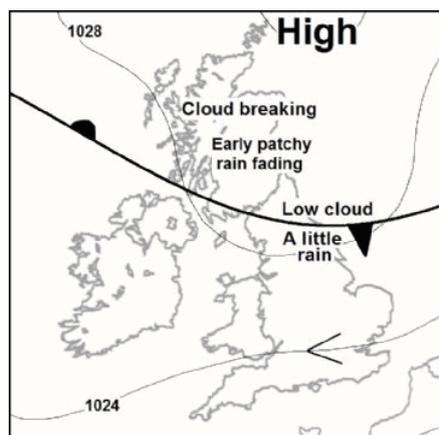
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Wednesday, 16 September, 2020



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 September, 2020

Cloud and patchy rain across central and southern Scotland will tend to break up. Many summits in the Highlands gradually clearing - coolest on eastern hills. Low cloud and small amounts of rain for the Pennines, but the Lakes and Wales mainly dry and clear.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Generally dry; cloud breaking, very little west.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 16 September, 2020

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly turning southerly by afternoon, 10 to 20mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but may be locally gusty.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no rain Isolated pockets of rain or drizzle locally around low cloud at first, but soon all fading.
Cloud on the hills?	Breaking to most tops Fairly extensive low cloud from dawn, although west coastal hills may see very little. Base will gradually rise to become confined above 900m, and breaks to most tops afternoon. Patches lingering longest on hills nearest North Sea.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% rising to 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patches of sun breaking through increasingly. Visibility improving, may become excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Ranging from 3C in low cloud and across east/northernmost hills, up to 9C in far west.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 17 September	Friday 18 September
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South to southwesterly, 10-15mph or less, may reach 25mph coastal mountains toward north. Mostly small, may be gusty around exposed summits in north.	Variable 10mph or less many hills, but may reach westerly 20mph some northern tops. Mostly small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain unlikely Rare patches of light rain may graze the west coast, otherwise the day generally dry.	A little rain west Rain or drizzle may come and go across coastal hills in the west much of the day, although total falls small. Patchy rain sometimes extending inland, but very little toward Great Glen.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Mostly very little Local fog patches some glens from dawn, and cloud banks which may drift onto coastal hills in far west. Otherwise most hills clear. 80%	Risk persistent fog west forming widely A risk of fog shrouding mountains around west coasts to lower slopes much of the day. Inland and eastwards, there may be an abrupt change to little or no fog, but increasing risk of fog filtering inland through day. 10% west coast, to 50% inland/east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine may be hazy at times due to high cloud. Visibility very good; early fog patches in glens leaving slight low-level haze.	Any sun weak due to layers of high cloud, more often overcast. Visibility very good inland, but risk persistent murk around coasts in west and north.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	10C rising locally to 13C Sutherland. Above the summits.	Around 10C with little change night into day, but locally if in cloud in north only 6C. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 17 September, 2020**

Commonly dry through the weekend into early next week as high pressure resides across northern Britain. Mostly light winds, but occasionally gusty easterlies England & Wales late Friday into Saturday. Many mountains often clear, but areas of lingering low cloud will vary across Britain from day to day as wind direction fluctuates. Fairly warm by day overall, but cool in and around low cloud. Slight frost some nights, mainly Highland glens. Some low-level fog in mornings.

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