

The Northwest Highlands

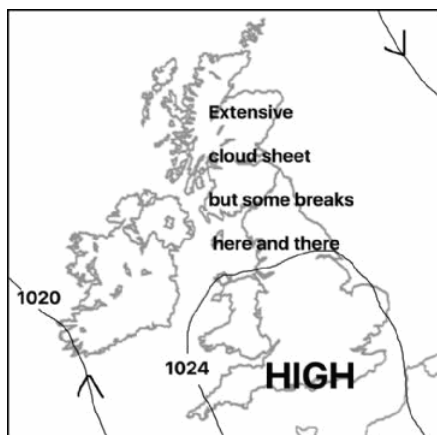
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Sunday, 18 October, 2020



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 18 October, 2020

Little wind across the hills for much of the day with extensive cloud sheet covering many higher slopes across the Highlands, but mainly above tops elsewhere. Here and there breaks in the cloud sheet giving sunshine. Mostly dry, but risk of a few showers; particularly W Scotland.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Little wind. Extensive cloud sheet, some breaks. Risk showers, especially west.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 18 October, 2020

How windy? (On the Munros)	Very little wind at all morning; will become westerly strengthening toward 15mph by dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk of light showers Extensively dry, although risk of a few light showers, giving hail or snow flurries on the Munros. Through the afternoon, the precipitation may become more extensive western hills.
Cloud on the hills?	Summits extensively cloud free Extensive cloud sheet above 1100 to 1300m, although here and there breaks in this. Below, here and there, fragments of fog 'hanging' on higher slopes and corries, and also slowly on coastal hills, patches increasingly forming at around 600m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine here and there for an hour or two; but generally extensive cloud. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0C
Freezing Level	900m

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 19 October	Tuesday 20 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly; tending to strengthen from the south from 10-20mph to 25, perhaps 35mph by dusk. Increasingly likely to give significant buffeting and wind chill where exposed on higher areas.	Low confidence: East to northeasterly in the range 20 to 40mph; strongest in the north where risk 50mph tops.. Walking fairly arduous at times with significant wind chill, especially across northern areas where locally difficult.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain on and off Rain for periods, most persistent and heavy western mountains south from Wester Ross, although at this stage, uncertainty in timing of the rain.	Periods of rain throughout day. Periods of rain throughout the day; risk of sleet across higher tops in the north. Very wet underfoot across western hills from previous rainfall.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, particularly western areas Extensive or blanket fog from lower slopes up western hills much of the day at least as far north as Wester Ross. Elsewhere, will deteriorate for periods in rain, but for periods most cloud confined above 900m.	Extensive Cloud will very likely shroud the hills extensively throughout the day; widely to lower slopes in rain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare if any sunshine. General haze, and visibility poor in rain.	Mostly cloudy. Visibility often poor due to rain.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	3C Above the summits.	3 to 5C, coldest in the north. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 19 October, 2020**

Low pressure will envelop Britain on Monday, heralding a change to intermittently windy weather and frequent periods of rain; particularly across Scotland where large accumulations will build up across the Southern Uplands and southern and western Highlands with conditions becoming very wet underfoot. Chiller again from Wednesday or Thursday with rain then falling as snow across the Munros.

Forecast issued at 15:05 on Saturday, 17 October, 2020

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