

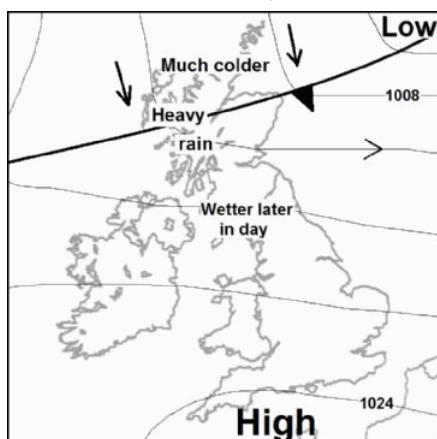
The Northwest Highlands

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 Thursday, 14 October, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 October, 2021

Windy, upland gales for Scotland & northern England. Rain for much of Scotland, heaviest in the west. Behind a cold front, the Munros will drop to freezing - showers of snow on northern tops later. Drizzly rain on western hills in England & Wales, wetter later for the Lakes.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Heavy rain and upland gales. Cold later, snow showers on tops.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 14 October, 2021

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 35 to 50mph in morning, gusts over 60mph northern tops. Veering northerly and tending to ease later in afternoon, to around 25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Be prepared for arduous or difficult conditions for several hours with significant wind chill and buffeting.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Persistent rain, heavy for a time, clearing later. Persistent drizzly rain for several hours will give way to a spell of heavier rain as a front moves southwards. This front will clear by late afternoon with showers following, snow on Munros.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive for several hours, breaking later. Cloud will cover the hills widely in fog for several hours, down to lower slopes in the west. As front clears south later in afternoon, bases will lift and break up.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Below 10%, later 30%.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast for several hours, some sun breaking though later in afternoon from north. Visibility often poor due to rain, but later becoming very good as a front clears.
How Cold? (at 900m)	7C, lowering in afternoon to 2 to 4C. Dropping to 0C by evening. Wind chill feeling close to -5C during day where exposed on tops, later nearer -10C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, then lowering during the afternoon, to 900m by evening.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 15 October	Saturday 16 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West to northwest 10 to 15mph. Mostly negligible	West to southwest, turning southerly, 15-20mph northern tops at dawn, otherwise 10mph or less; later up to 30mph Skye. Mostly small, may deteriorate near west coast later in the day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No precipitation expected	Much of the day dry Risk of a local shower near west coast early morning. Otherwise generally dry. Toward evening, increasing risk of rain and drizzle encroaching from southwest, soonest on and near Skye.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Mostly clear. but may cover coastal hills. Many hills clear for much of the day, although the odd patch possible at times tops. Cloud sheet may drift in to coastal hills to cover tops here more widely. 60%	Many hills clear or clearing Cloud banks covering some western tops in the morning, but will mostly lift and break leaving many hills clear. Patches may linger around Skye, lowering more extensively here if rain arrives later. 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Variable cloud, affording some sunny breaks; best in the east morning. Visibility very good.	Patchwork of sun may give way to increasingly cloudier skies. Visibility excellent, may reduce in west.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	0 or 1C 900-1000m, but also frost inland glens and some corries early in morning.	Starting around 0C, rising slowly from south toward 5C, perhaps even slightly higher into evening and night. From dawn, close to freezing point above 900m, also frost some inland glens. Will gradually rise above freezing all levels.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 15 October, 2021**

Chilly Friday into Saturday, near or below freezing on higher Scottish tops, plus frost in many northern valleys. Milder air returns from the southwest over the weekend, with some rain, although a fair amount of dry weather too. Next week looks generally unsettled as southwesterly winds prevail and a series of fronts come in from the Atlantic. Often windy, periods of gales or severe gales on the mountains. Rain heaviest and most persistent in western areas. Mild early in the week, then colder air is likely to return from the northwest later in the week - temperatures falling back to freezing on high tops with showers of snow. Changeable conditions are expected to continue into late October.

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