

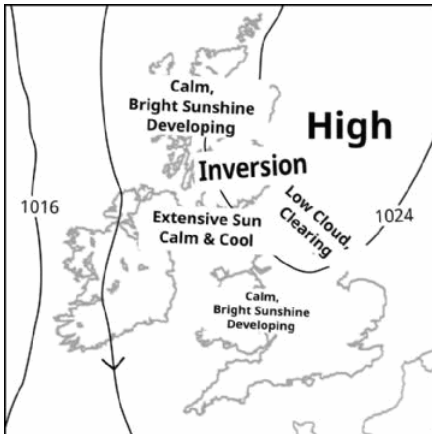
The Northwest Highlands

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, 3 October, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 3 October, 2024

Widely dry and sunny, inversion means often clear skies above the sea of clouds sitting in the valleys, this low cloud mostly dissipating by noon. Light winds, locally breezy along the western coast. Cool.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Dry, calm, sunny, low cloud in some valleys. Cool

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 3 October, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly, 5-15mph, on Skye increasing to 15-20mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Very small, only locally may temporarily make walking slightly inconvenient. Inland negligible.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain not expected
Cloud on the hills?	Hills clear, valleys partly in fog Morning fog in some valleys below 400m. Cloud rising a little through the day, largely breaking and dissipating.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	90% except for morning fog
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Very sunny start, later sun a little weakened by high clouds. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 to 8C
Freezing Level	Above the summits, but frost at dawn inland glens and some sheltered higher areas.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 4 October	Saturday 5 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly 40 to 45mph, perhaps locally 50mph on Cuillin and most exposed western coastal hills. Very gusty. Walking arduous, keeping balance on ridges and exposed paths almost impossible. Conditions locally severe.	South to southeasterly, inland 15-25mph, toward the east less. 35mph western coast, on and around Skye 45-50mph. From small toward Ben Wyvis to strong buffeting, arduous walking and perhaps dangerous gusts on Cuillin.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain on and off in the west Spells of rain likely in the west, particularly on Skye, toward Kintail and Torridon. In the far north more scattered, toward east possibly dry or just brief showers.	Rain on and off Showers possible all day, becoming widespread and perhaps heavy in the evening from the southwest.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Cloud widely covering hills above 800-1000m, on Skye and in the far north cloud base may be much lower, even 300-500m on southern Cuillin.	Mostly covered Higher slopes above 600-800m mostly covered, highest cloud base near Torridon where slopes below 1000m should stay clear most of the day.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun in the morning toward the east, soon becoming overcast. Very good visibility.	Mostly cloudy, perhaps a few brighter spells around midday. Good visibility away from the clouds.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	6 to 8C, feeling below -5C in strong wind. Above the summits.	6 to 11C, warmest north. Wind chill may reduce the perceived temperature to sub-zero. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 4 October, 2024**

On Friday in western Scotland deteriorating conditions, beware of upland gales in the Highlands. Lowering pressure and southwesterly winds toward the weekend bring an unsettled spell- rain at times, briefly milder air. Gradually cooling through next week, with spells of showery rain. On Thursday most likely widespread moderate to heavy rain, fairly persistent most mountains. Toward the weekend improving conditions, Saturday and Sunday probably dry and sunny.

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