

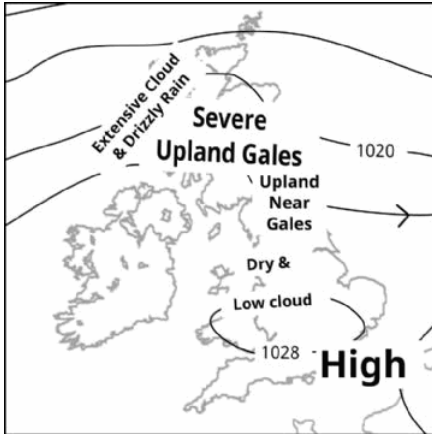
# The Northwest Highlands

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, 31 October, 2024



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 31 October, 2024**

Widely murky, mostly overcast skies but dry, only in western Scotland drizzle. Mild, but severe wind make it feel cold in Scotland. Marked increase of wind speed with height in the north, severe gales over Scottish mountains. In Wales lot of sunshine above very low clouds.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Severe upland gales, murky, patchy drizzle

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 31 October, 2024

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southwesterly, 50 to 60mph, although it may be almost calm in some inland glens.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Severe conditions, movement on the hills hardly possible, any mountain activity in exposed locations may be dangerous.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Drizzle mainly west and north</b> Patchy light rain, in some places (Skye, Kintail, Torridon) persistent for several hours. Much less or no rain toward east (Ben Wyvis).
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive</b> Very low cloud persistent most of the day, tops and slopes above 200-400m in cloud most of the day.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Very little or no sun and poor visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	6 to 9C. Severe wind chill makes it feel like well below freezing.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 1 November	Saturday 2 November
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Starting northwesterly, 30 to 45mph. Gradually easing to 10-15mph and becoming variable. <b>In the morning considerable buffeting, walking strongly impeded. Becoming small.</b>	Southwesterly, widely 15 to 25mph, toward Ben Hope 30-35mph. <b>Fairly small, in the far north stronger - buffeting, impeded walking and marked wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain frequent first half of the day</b> Frequent rain in the morning, moderate intensity. Rain moving away southward during the afternoon.	<b>Local drizzle west and north</b> Light rain or drizzle possible in the far north and anywhere near west coast, but most places dry all day.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Extensive, chance for improvement</b>  Cloud widely covering the hills, only lower slopes at times clearing if longer breaks in rain occur. Chance for breaks in the afternoon.  <b>20%</b>	  Western coastal hills covered in cloud from lower slopes upward, inland higher cloud bases, around 600-900m, here cloud lifting and breaking. Near east coast hills most of the day clear.  <b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull. Chance for an afternoon improvement from the north and some sun. Poor visibility.	Very little or no sun.  Very good visibility if not in cloud.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	0 to 5C, coldest in the north.  Down to 800m in the morning in the far north, further south above the summits.	7 to 8C  Above the summits.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 1 November, 2024

After wet Friday in Scotland, back to high pressure for the weekend and beginning of next week. Inversion conditions developing mean locally very misty or cloudy, and tops sometimes above cloud. Southwesterly winds, dry and mild conditions. Such scheme holds until mid next week, when a weak front passage will probably deteriorate weather for a day, at least in Scotland. Later another few days of often cloudy, but dry and warm weather. Winds may speed up again end of next week.

### Forecast issued at 16:02 on Wednesday, 30 October, 2024

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