

The Northwest Highlands

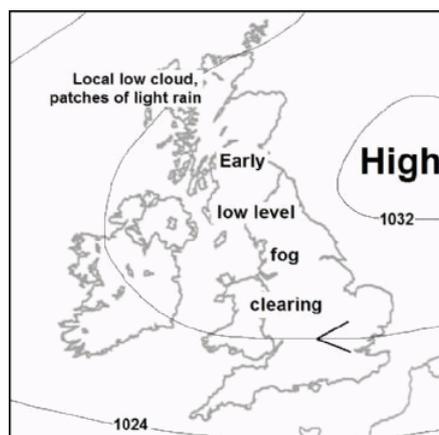
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Thursday, 17 September, 2020



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 September, 2020

High pressure brings a quiet day with mostly light winds, although an easterly breeze affects Wales and the Peak District, plus a locally gusty southwesterly in NW Scotland - here low cloud and a little rain on coastal hills. Otherwise hills clear, patchy fog soon clearing.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Patchy rain and low cloud west. Blustery toward far northwest.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 17 September, 2020

How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southwesterly, 15mph or less around the Great Glen, to 20-25mph near west coast, sometimes locally 30mph coastal mountains toward north.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small, may be gusty around exposed summits in north.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	A little rain west Rare patches of light rain grazing the west coast, otherwise the day generally dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly very little Cloud banks mostly confined to coastal hills in far west where may occasionally form below 600m. Otherwise most hills clear.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60% far west; 90% elsewhere.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine hazy at times due to high cloud; areas toward west coast more often cloudy. Visibility very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	10C rising locally to 13C Sutherland; small variation night into day.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 18 September	Saturday 19 September
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Variable 10mph or less many hills, but may reach westerly 20mph some northern tops, mainly early in day. Mostly small	Direction varied, 10mph or less, sometimes windless. Negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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.	Little or no rain Mostly dry. Chance of local patches of light rain which may last an hour or more.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	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 fog may filter inland occasionally through day. 10% west coast, to 60% inland/east.	Varied banks of low cloud Some uncertainty - local banks of cloud covering the hills to low levels may linger. In places higher tops above or between cloud layers. Some hills may stay largely free of low cloud all day. 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	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.	Occasional sun, but mostly cloudy. Visibility very good.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	Around 10C with little change night into day, but locally if in cloud in north may drop to 6C. Above the summits.	Staying around 10C, but locally a degree or so higher by afternoon. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 18 September, 2020**

Commonly dry through the weekend into early next week as high pressure resides across northern Britain. Mostly light winds in Scotland, but gusty easterlies England & Wales into the weekend. Many mountains often clear, but areas of lingering low cloud will vary across Britain from day to day. 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. A shift back to southwesterlies and frontal systems moving in from the Atlantic through next week.

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