

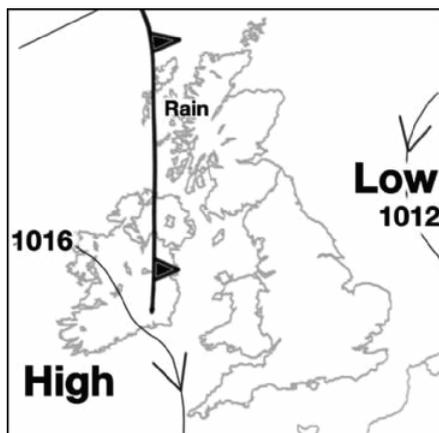
The Northwest Highlands

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 Wednesday, 15 September, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 September, 2021

Light wind across the country. However, in a fairly humid air mass - with a weak front reaching western Scotland - low cloud will be extensive at first although many summits will clear. Here and there showers, but rain on and off near Loch Linnhe and coastal NW Highlands.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Light wind. A little rain, but more frequent and misty near Skye.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 15 September, 2021

How windy? (On the Munros)	West or southwesterly mostly 10mph or less, but may reach 15mph Cuillins and higher mainland summits near the west coast.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain on and off, mainly near Skye Pulses of rain will drift across the region, rarely heavy but by from later morning raining for an hour or two in some areas, most likely on and near Skye. Generally the rain not persistent near the west coast south from the Torridon area.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive on higher areas Skye and mainland coastal summits south from Wester Ross: Fog extensive all day, often forming on lower slopes. Elsewhere: cloud base very varied; breaks above 900 or 1000m, but where raining steadily, expect fog to fill in for periods below 450m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%; less than 10% on and near Skye
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine unlikely. At times good visibility, particularly eastern and northern hills, but overall often misty.
How Cold? (at 900m)	8C
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 16 September	Friday 17 September
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West backing southerly 15mph. From midday strengthening to by late afternoon 20-25mph, but 30mph near west coast. Mostly small, but noticeable buffeting afternoon, particularly toward the west coast.	Southerly 30 to 40mph post dawn. Will veer westerly afternoon & drop to 20-25mph Sutherland to 10-15mph near Skye. Significant buffeting on higher areas, but likely to become small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or most likely no rain Rain approaching from the Atlantic may reach particularly west coastal summits before dark.	Rain, mainly morning near Skye Widespread rain from or soon after dawn, although only rarely heavy north from Torridon. Will tend to clear from west afternoon.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Substantially cloud free Widespread cloud higher areas from dawn, often at or below 700m near the coast, higher well inland. Will progressively lift to clear almost all summits by midday. May not, or may only occasionally clear Cuillins. 70%	Extensive, mainly near Skye Western hills south of Torridon extensively cloud covered, from lower slopes up on Skye, but only occasionally elsewhere. May well more or less all clear from west afternoon. Elsewhere, cloud intermittently covering higher tops, and only temporarily as low as 400m. 40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patches of sun, mainly middle of day - before high level cloud thickens from west. Excellent visibility.	Cloudy and hazy, before in afternoon, sunshine and excellent or superb visibility tend to spread inland.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	8C Above the summits.	11C Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 16 September, 2021**

On Friday, a weakening Atlantic front will bring in rain (mainly to the W & NW Highlands), and stronger winds to western mountains.

As yet detailed confidence not high for the weekend and early next week. There will be a build of pressure following Friday's rain to give substantially fine weather, but the remnants of fronts may still give one or two 'poor' periods, with low cloud and occasional rain.

Forecast issued at 7:29 on Wednesday, 15 September, 2021

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