

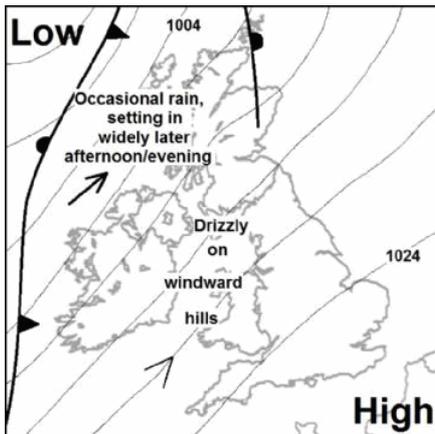
The Northwest Highlands

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 Saturday, 23 October, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 October, 2021

Increasingly very windy, gales developing on most tops, severe gales higher mountains in Scotland. Drizzly rain on most southwest facing hills, plus steadier rain setting in for western Scotland afternoon onward. Milder, above freezing up to highest summits.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland gales, becoming severe. A little rain, sets in later.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 23 October, 2021

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Southerly, locally 20mph or less inland and in east at dawn, but soon strengthening in west to 40mph, nearer 50-60mph by middle of day, risk gusts 60-70mph exposed summits Skye and immediate west coast.</p> <p>Increasingly difficult conditions across higher terrain, mobility becoming very difficult on exposed summits and ridges in the west, particularly higher Cuillin. Considerable wind chill.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>A few showers in west, then rain later.</p> <p>Pulses of rain will run in across westernmost hills at times, but otherwise dry conditions are expected inland/east.</p> <p>During the afternoon, rain becomes heavier and more persistent around Skye and Torridon, continuing into the evening. Smaller amounts reaching northern areas.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Covering hills in west, clear in east.</p> <p>On and near Skye: Perhaps clear at first, but banks of cloud soon forming, more extensive hill fog developing through day.</p> <p>Elsewhere: Mostly clear, lowering late in day when rain arrives.</p> <p>30% on and near Skye, 80% elsewhere.</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Patches of sun, increasingly confined to east as cloud increases from west.</p> <p>Visibility good, but lowering in west in rain.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>3 lifting to 6C.</p> <p>Wind chill where exposed feels like -5C, in places as cold as -10C in strongest winds on high tops.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 24 October	Monday 25 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South to southwesterly, 25 to 40mph, strongest on mountains near the west coast, locally may reach 50mph. Blustery across most higher terrain, but on Skye and exposed summits near west coast expect frequently arduous conditions and marked wind chill.	Southwesterly 25 to 40mph. Frequent buffeting, sometimes arduous walking conditions on exposed ridges and summits. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Bursts of rain moving in Remnants of overnight rain fading for a time, before pulses of showery rain return from the southwest, becoming more frequent, widespread and heavier, setting in around Skye. Chance isolated thunder.	Showery Frequent precipitation coming in from the west, sleet on the Munros, wet snow highest tops, occasional hail. Sometimes merging to be near constant for an hour or more. Heavy bursts, isolated thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Most persistent around Skye Cloud may be fairly extensive across the mountains at first, then bases rising. May persist above 800m from Wester Ross south, below 600m in rain. Further inland and north, breaks at times toward higher summits.	Most persistent western tops Cloud bases varied in and out of showers, lowest on western coastal hills - often covering tops above 800m, sometimes below 600m. Further inland and east, breaks more common, at times clearing toward highest summits.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20% on/near Skye, up to 60% inland/north.	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mainly across Sutherland, visibility good below cloud. Near west coast, a general haze.	Brief glimpses of sun, mostly toward eastern hills. Visibility good below cloud and away from showers, slight haze near west coast.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5C, tending to drop toward evening. Above the summits, but will then lower into the night close to freezing on very highest tops.	2C Just above freezing on highest tops above 1000-1100m.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 24 October, 2021

A front advances eastward on Sunday, followed by a cool, blustery and showery pattern onward into Monday. Temperatures will vary during next week - highest Scottish summits will temporarily dip close to freezing point, but it will be often mild as southwesterlies prevail. Periods of gales or severe gales on the mountains. Frequent rain, some sustained heavy falls focused on western Scotland where flooding is possible through midweek. Less wet further south and east.

Forecast issued at 7:58 on Saturday, 23 October, 2021

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