

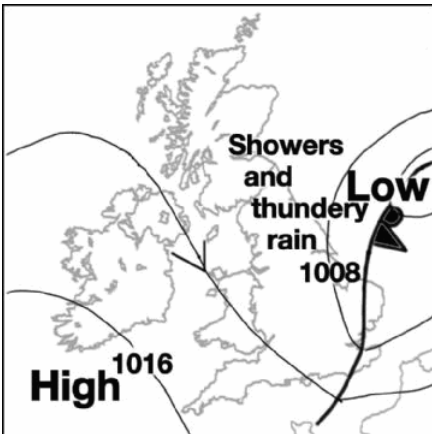
The Northwest Highlands

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 Tuesday, 16 July, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 16 July, 2024

Areas of thundery rain, concentrated over central and eastern Britain, together with areas of low cloud. Some uncertainty as to the western limit of the rain, but overall western mountains will have only a few showers - with the trend for the improved conditions to extend slowly east through the day.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Extensively dry; very clear air - although fog summits near coast.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 16 July, 2024

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Very little wind from dawn. Through morning becoming westerly 10mph, and 15mph afternoon. May well reach 20mph near Ben Hope.</p> <p>Small.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Little or no rain - perhaps showery near Ben Hope Isolated brief showers, although near Ben Hope the showers may be more frequent.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Very varied: Hills covered near the coast; mostly cloud free well inland. Persistent fog within 5 or 10 miles of the general lie of the coast, the cloud base 300-500m - lowest morning near the coast. Some higher tops above the cloud. Elsewhere, mainly morning, some higher slopes covered, but overall hills free of cloud.</p> <p>10% near the coast, to 80% well inland.</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Patchwork of sunshine although little sun near the coast. Excellent or superb visibility.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>5 to 7C near the west, and also north coast (where it will feel around freezing in the wind). Warmest on Ben Wyvis where 9C in afternoon.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 17 July	Thursday 18 July
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly 10 to 20mph - slowly strengthening through day. May reach 30mph coast, especially Cuillin by evening. Walking beginning to be inconvenienced at times, particularly Skye and nearby coastal slopes.	Southwesterly 25 to near the coast 35mph from dawn. Will tend to drop slowly near the coast, and perhaps later markedly inland. Gusty winds, in places on lower slopes, will particularly near the coast in morning give considerable buffeting and wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no rain Risk of scattered 'passing' showers and of rain more frequent Skye and Kintail in the evening onwards.	Rain on and off, mainly morning Rain on and off, mainly Skye and nearby mainland hills. Elsewhere, rain, rarely heavy only now and again. May well all clear from west (timing as yet uncertain).
Cloud on the hills?	Summits extensively cloud free. May not clear Cuillin until late in day. Patchy cloud in the morning will almost all thin and disperse. Fog likely on the west coast in the morning.	Extensive near Skye, confined to highest tops elsewhere. Skye and mainland areas close to the coast south of Torridon: Hills persistently foggy morning, although probably a rise in cloud base, perhaps marked middle of day or afternoon. Elsewhere: Cloud occasionally below 700m, but most cloud above 1000m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Becoming 90%	70%, but 20% near Skye
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Widespread sunshine in the morning fading as high-level cloud thickens through the afternoon. Excellent visibility inland but hazy out to sea.	Patches of sun may come through afternoon as cloud thins. Misty at times in rain, but away from Skye and nearby mainland, visibility often
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	7C near the west coast and 9C Ben Wyvis around midday. A couple of degrees warmer by early evening. Above the summits.	8 to 10C, coldest near coast Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 17 July, 2024

Winds generally coming in off the Atlantic will bring rain from time to time, and fairly extensive low cloud, at least to western mountains. A trend will be toward the wettest conditions being toward the north, as pressure rises across southern Britain. After warm air until Friday focussed on the Pennines and east Wales, lower mountain temperatures will return to the whole of the UK.

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