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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 Sunday, 28 July, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 28 July, 2024

Fine almost everywhere, although low cloud will take most the morning to clear summits in some areas. Periods of sun, although cloud will bubble up at times. Blustery coastal hills NW Highlands; otherwise fairly light wind, especially Pennines and east Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Dry; periods of sun; possibly low cloud Skye. Blustery near coast.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 28 July, 2024

| How windy? (On the Munros) | South to southwesterly, 15 to 25mph, strongest near the coast, where 30mph by midday and later 35mph. | |
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| Effect of wind on you? | Mostly fairly small, although intermittent buffeting near the coast - both on higher and lower slopes. | |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Rain very unlikely | |
| Cloud on the hills? | Very little - may come and go west Skye | |
| | Generally banks of cloud on higher coastal slopes will clear by mid morning. But on west. Skye, possibly the Cuillin (higher risk southern Cuillin), patches of fog may intermittently shroud lower and sometimes higher slopes. | |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | By midday, 70% Skye to greater than 90% elsewhere | |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Extensive sunshine. Superb visibility, although perhaps slight haze near the coast, especially for north. | |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | 6 to 8C near the coast all day; rising to a warm 13C inland, and perhaps a warm 15C Ben Wyvis. | |
| Freezing Level | Above the summits | |

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The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

| | Monday 29 July | Tuesday 30 July |
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| How windy? (On the Munros) | South to southwesterly 20mph eastern hills to 25 to 30mph west. May sometimes reach 35 or 40mph coastal slopes. | Southwesterly 20 to 25mph, strongest north. May well ease slowly through the day. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Mostly fairly small, although anticipate buffeting, sometimes considerable, near the coast (including on lower slopes). | Fairly small |
| How wet? | Rain, mainly near coast | Rain not expected |
| (Precipitation and its impact) | A weakening front making slow progress in from the west may well give drizzly rain on and off all day near the coast (mostly Skye and near coast south of Glenelg). Elsewhere, probably little or no rain. | |
| Cloud on the hills? | Extensive near Skye; otherwise very little | Little or none |
| | Skye, western summits Knoydart north to Glenelg: Fog covering the hills from 400m or below all or nearly all day. Elsewhere: fragments on higher tops, and may become extensive in rain, but overall most summits cloud free. | Most or all summits cloud free all or nearly all day. However, threat of fog lingering most likely morning higher slopes Skye and nearby mainland coastal slopes. |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | Less than 10% near Skye; otherwise 60% | 70% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | A few glimpses of weak sunshine, but mostly dull and misty close to Skye. Otherwise, hazy near the coast to otherwise excellent visibility. | Periods of sunshine. Haze toward the coast, although by afternoon mostly excellent visibility. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | 8C near the coast, but afternoon as high as a warm 12C eastern summits. | 7C, rising a little near the coast and to 11C easternmost summits. |
| Freezing Level | Above the summits. | Above the summits. |

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 29 July, 2024

Extensively fine, very warm and light wind until mid week, although cloudy with a little rain NW Scotland on Monday. Remaining warm with mostly light wind later in the week, but bursts of sometimes thundery rain increasingly likely - at this stage uncertain as to the areas most affected.

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