

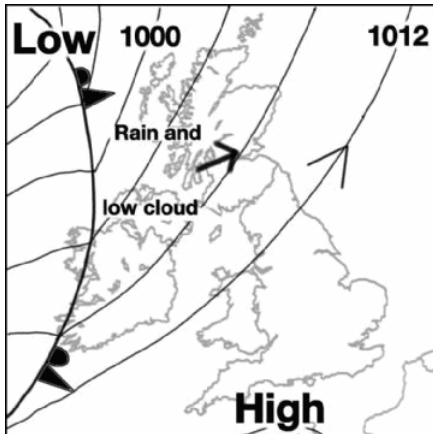
The Northwest Highlands

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 Friday, 2 August, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 2 August, 2024

Rain and will advance gradually across Scotland from the middle of the day onwards, and in evening reach mountains close to the Irish Sea. There will also be areas of low cloud. Nevertheless, for many areas, including east Scotland extensively dry and warm. Upland wind approaching gale force western Scotland.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland wind near gale force close to coast. Rain/low cloud, focussed near Skye.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 2 August, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly, soon 25-35mph well inland and 35-50mph near coast. Speeds varied, sudden gusts including on lower slopes.
Effect of wind on you?	Soon walking arduous: widespread considerable buffeting developing, sudden gusts, even on lower slopes near coast, will unbalance you.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Increasingly wet afternoon. The odd burst of rain morning, mainly near Skye Will then deteriorate, particularly near Skye, where rain persistent for several hours. Elsewhere, rain on and off, spreading inland through afternoon, but total rainfall small. Will clear from west toward dusk.
Cloud on the hills?	Deteriorating: In rain cloud filling across higher areas. Very low near Skye. Morning: Summits extensively cloud free. But patches may come and go Skye (mainly west) from lower slopes up. Afternoon: Deteriorating, cloud filling in from lower slopes upward near coast, and more gradually across higher areas elsewhere.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80% morning then dropping to 20%. But by midday less than 10% near Skye.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun. Mostly good visibility morning, although increasing haze near coast. Then poor in rain - mainly near Skye.
How Cold? (at 900m)	10C near Skye. Elsewhere 12C to in afternoon 14 or 15C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 3 August	Sunday 4 August
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly ranging from 35mph Skye and mainland immediate coastal to 25mph easternmost areas. Fairly small well inland, but walking arduous toward the coast. Particularly gusty near showers.	Southwest turning southeasterly and strengthening, firstly 20mph, becoming 35mph, perhaps 50mph near coast later. Starting mostly small, but deteriorating, along the western coast walking becoming arduous, balance affected.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers Showers, some heavy. The rain most frequent near Skye. Elsewhere, often dry during morning.	Morning mostly dry, rain afternoon In the morning only an odd patch of rain. More frequent rain moving in onto the western coast during the day, particularly on and around Skye, where later heavy. Toward evening the rain spreading to most mountain areas.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive near Skye Skye, and nearby mainland summits north to Glenelg: cloud base typically 650m, dropping below 450m at times in rain. Elsewhere: by late morning, most cloud confined above 1000m, but temporarily patches below 600m in and after rain.	Hills covered southwest, other clear Cloud shrouding higher slopes near Skye most of the day, possibly clearing for a few hours before filling in across th hills in rain. Inland mostly cloud-free hills except for morning mist. Clouds forming in afternoon rain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%, but 20% near Skye	40% near Skye and coast, 70% elsewhere
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	On and near Skye, rare glimpses of sun. Elsewhere the sun 'in and out'. Haze near the coast, inland very good or excellent visibility.	Little to no sun. Hazy near coast; excellent visibility well inland.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	6C near the coast, in afternoon reaching 10C Sutherland and eastern summits elsewhere. Above the summits	7 to 11C, may feel distinctly colder in wind Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 3 August, 2024**

Low pressure centres, mostly passing northwest of Scotland), and their associated fronts, will intermittently windy and wet conditions next week. Most rainfall will be on western mountains, with considerable rainfall on the W & NW highlands of Scotland. Frequently windy across Scotland. Lowest rainfall will be in eastern Scotland, the southern Pennines and easternmost Wales. Temperature wise warm and very humid on Monday, but through the week generally colder than this week.

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