

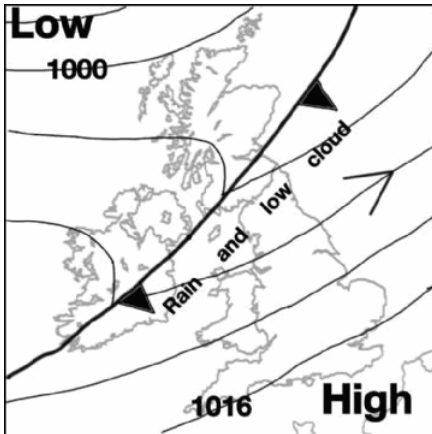
The Northwest Highlands

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 Thursday, 15 August, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 August, 2024

An active front will bring a broad zone of gale or near gale force upland winds, rain and low cloud southwards, although toward the Peak District and south and east Wales, the deterioration will be gradual. Will improve from NW across Scotland, but precise time uncertain.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland gales, rain and low cloud morning; then improving markedly.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 15 August, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly; in morning 40 to on higher tops 50mph. From west toward midday, easing to 25 to on higher tops and across Sutherland 35mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous conditions morning: considerable buffeting (even on some lower slopes) and significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain clearing to a few showers Morning: Extensive rain, although north from Torridon, total rainfall small. Afternoon/evening: Frequently dry, but a few showers briefly heavy.
Cloud on the hills?	Mountains foggy morning; clearing to higher slopes middle of day. Fog across the hills most or all morning; cloud base below 400m on summits close to the west coast, particularly near Skye; otherwise 600 to 800m.. Then improving markedly as cloud base rises to 750-900m, perhaps above 1000m on easternmost summits.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Less than 10% morning rising to 50% afternoon.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A little sun breaking through afternoon, mainly lower slopes above eastern draining valleys. Widely misty or murky morning, then visibility good, although a haze, very haze near the coast.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 to 8C, warmest well inland. Feeling much colder than freezing point directly in the wind in the morning.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 16 August	Saturday 17 August
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 35 to 40mph, in places 45-50mph (particularly Cuillin). In gusts may reach 60mph. Considerable buffeting, stronger gusts may knock you off your feet. Difficult conditions on exposed ridges. Significant wind chill.	Southwesterly, mostly between 25 and 35mph. Less toward Great Glen, in the far north late in the day 40mph. North of Ullapool arduous, gusty, affecting stability. Southwards weaker, but walking inconvenient, influencing balance on ridges.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Light showers in the west Drizzly showers, toward the evening becoming more persistent. Toward the east little to no rain during the day. Into the night rain spreading across most hills.	Often little or dry, local drizzle near coast Pockets of fine drizzle along the hills near the western coast, other than that dry, especially toward Great Glen and eastern coast.
Cloud on the hills?	Hills likely covered, particularly west Low clouds on most hills near the west coast, particularly on and near Skye often extensive above 600m. Breaks in the east. Toward the evening most hills becoming covered by the clouds from the west.	Hills partly clearing Hills mostly covered in the beginning, later rising above most hills, perhaps staying on hills on and near Skye above 800m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little to no sun in the west, sunny spells especially in the morning near east coast (Ben Wyvis). Moderate visibility, poor near west coast.	Mostly cloudy, a few shafts of sun coming through. Best toward the east. Hazy particularly in the morning.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5 to 8C, feeling like below -5C in wind. Above the summits.	6 to 10C, warmest east Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 16 August, 2024**

A long run of frequently strong winds (particularly across Scotland) high rainfall and extensive low cloud (focussed on western mountains). There may be one or two drier much less windy periods across Wales and southern Pennines as pressure rises over a few days just to the south of Britain.

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