

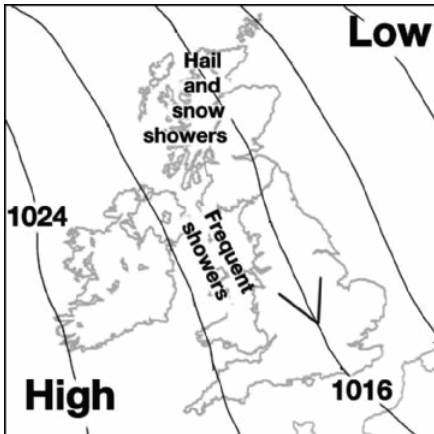
The Northwest Highlands

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, 12 September, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 September, 2024

Very cold for September; hail and snow in showers across the mountains in Scotland, and hail and sleet highest tops Snowdon range (where precipitation frequent). Elsewhere, a few brief showers and frequent bright sunshine. Nevertheless, feeling well below freezing point across the mountains directly in the wind.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Snow and hail showers. Feeling bitterly cold in the wind.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 12 September, 2024

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Northwesterly, mostly around 25mph, but particularly near showers and on higher tops sometimes 30mph. Overall will drop slowly through the day.</p> <p>Will impede ease of walking on higher areas, and mainly near showers and on highest tops, buffeting considerable, particularly morning. Marked wind chill.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Frequent hail and higher up, snow showers</p> <p>Showers throughout the day; sometimes frequent: of hail, or above 750m snow, although by afternoon well inland snow confined above 1000m - the snow lying on highest tops. Fewest showers well inland - particularly south from Glen Affric in morning.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Extensive higher slopes, particularly morning toward the coast</p> <p>Cloud widely across higher areas from dawn. By mid or late morning, most cloud above 900m near the coast and 1050m well inland, but cloud base dropping abruptly near precipitation, sometimes below 600m at least near the coast.</p> <p>20% rising to 60%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Glimpses of sun; although on eastern summits, particularly those near and south of Glen Affric, the sun 'in and out'. Abruptly poor visibility in precipitation, but otherwise good, although often a haze, particularly western mountain.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>0C, rising a little though day particularly well inland. Directly in the wind will feel as cold as minus 10C.</p> <p>900m; rising marginally near coast, and toward 1200m well inland.</p>

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 13 September	Saturday 14 September
<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>West backing southerly 25mph, easing morning 15-20mph (strongest Sutherland). Late in day strengthening toward 40mph.</p> <p>Mostly small in a lengthy lull, but at first and particularly evening, anticipate significant buffeting and wind chill.</p>	<p>Southwesterly between 45 and 60mph, strongest coastal mountains and across Sutherland.</p> <p>Very difficult conditions: significant wind chill and walking widely arduous. You may be blown over where exposed on higher slopes.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Occasional showers; later constant rain</p> <p>Showers, mostly brief from time to time, although very few easternmost hills. Rain setting in from west through afternoon; heaviest near Skye.</p>	<p>Rain; mainly toward Skye</p> <p>Skye, nearby mainland south of Torridon: Almost constant rain; may clear later in day. Elsewhere: Rain on and off, mainly West Ross. May clear during the day.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Mostly confined to higher tops - later extensive fog near Skye</p> <p>Cloud base between 600m near showers and otherwise soon 900m or above, with higher tops, particularly well inland often clearing. Near Skye deteriorating rapidly afternoon as fog forms from lower slopes. Elsewhere, cloud base slowly lowering'</p> <p>70%, later 10% near Skye</p>	<p>Very extensive higher areas; but covering lower slopes near Skye.</p> <p>Skye, nearby mainland south of Torridon, west coastal Wester Ross: Fog from lower slopes up; may improve markedly later in day. Elsewhere: Fog most confined to higher slopes: cloud base typically 600 to 900m.</p> <p>20%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Sunny spells morning, then increasingly cloudy. Visibility mostly excellent, but later poor in rain.</p>	<p>A little sun may come through later in day. Often misty, but visibility may become good later in day.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>1C, rising to 3 to 5C, warmest eastern summits.</p> <p>1050m, gradually lifting above the summits. Widespread frost lowland and upland valleys post dawn.</p>	<p>9C. Will feel as cold as minus 4C directly in the wind. Above the summits.</p>

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 13 September, 2024

Turning warmer from the weekend. Very little rain for a week to ten days (perhaps longer) for England and Wales, but in Scotland, particularly western mountains, rain (mainly Saturday and Monday - although the precise timing uncertain), Around Tuesday the fine warm water will extend across Scotland.

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