

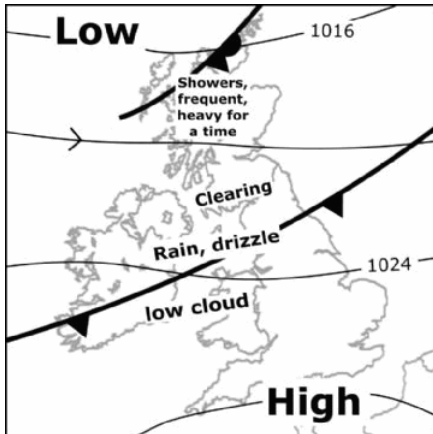
# The Northwest Highlands

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, 15 September, 2024



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 15 September, 2024

Often strong winds across most hills, feeling chilly especially Scottish tops. A zone of frequent rain and heavy showery bursts passes eastwards across the Highlands, particularly northern areas. A front moves slowly south over England and Wales bringing rain, drizzle and low cloud, gradually clearing northern England later.

#### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Blustery winds, rain and showery bursts for a few hours.

## Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 15 September, 2024

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	West to southwesterly; some variation through day, but typically between 25 and 35mph - strongest middle of day, sudden gusts around heavier rain.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking widely impeded by the wind; and sometimes arduous with considerable wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Rain on and off, heavy bursts, chance lightning; improving afternoon.</b> A mixture of dry periods, showers, and for a couple of hours mid morning into middle of day, constant rain. Some heavy bursts with isolated hail, chance of thunder & lightning moving through eastwards over an hour or so, then fewer scattered showers later.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mountains extensively cloud covered; cloud base rising afternoon.</b> Cloud base will vary; during wetter periods, forming widely below 400m near the coast, and 600m well inland. But mainly afternoon the range of cloud base increasingly between 600m and well inland increasingly above 900m.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Sunshine from time to time, most widely on lower slopes of more eastern mountain areas. Hazy; visibility poor in rain.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	6C, but where exposed to the wind, will feel below freezing point.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.

**The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead**

	<b>Monday 16 September</b>	<b>Tuesday 17 September</b>
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	South to southwesterly 15mph or less morning; reaching 20 to 25mph near west coast later in day, up to dusk 30mph. <b>Fairly small, but by evening becoming increasingly blustery on western ridges.</b>	South to southwesterly, 20 to 30mph, strongest toward north in morning. May drop to lower speeds inland later in day. <b>Feeling gusty on some exposed tops and ridges toward north and coastal areas. Becoming fairly small inland.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain very unlikely</b> From dusk into night, risk patchy drizzle developing over west coastal hills.	<b>Rain unlikely</b> A little fine drizzle possible if in cloud on western coastal hills on and near Skye. Otherwise dry.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Very little indeed</b>  Fog may envelop southwest facing coastal slopes near Skye above 300m - higher slopes may be above this. Dispersing middle of day, but may return up to dusk, then filling in further in west into night.	<b>Foggy toward west coast, slowly thinning</b>  Very low cloud covering western hills in morning, from lowest slopes upward near coast; some higher areas may emerge between cloud banks as it begins to break. May linger on Skye all day. Clearest soonest near Ben Wyvis.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>20% Skye, rising to 60% elsewhere.</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensive bright sunshine and superb visibility although ribbons of fog some valleys at first and perhaps some lower slopes (most likely southern Cuillin).	Sunshine mostly Sutherland, varied high cloud; sun may develop more widely later. Hazy or misty for a time near west coast, visibility good east; likely improving.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	4 rising to 7C afternoon, then 10C by evening onward.  Above the summits, but ground frost some lowland and upland valleys at dawn.	10C if in cloud around Skye, up to 14C toward Ben Wyvis.  Above the summits

**Planning Outlook**

**All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 16 September, 2024**

High pressure becomes established over Britain at the start of the new week, drifting toward Scandinavia by midweek. A weak front grazing past northwest Scotland on Tuesday brings low cloud and some possible dampness for a time here. Otherwise, very warm and particularly on western mountains often sunny. However, particularly in the mornings low cloud coming in off the North Sea will often envelop more eastern mountains from midweek. Fresh easterly breezes affecting England and Wales in the second half of the week, locally becoming very gusty. Lighter winds generally in Scotland.

**Forecast issued at 16:05 on Saturday, 14 September, 2024**

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