

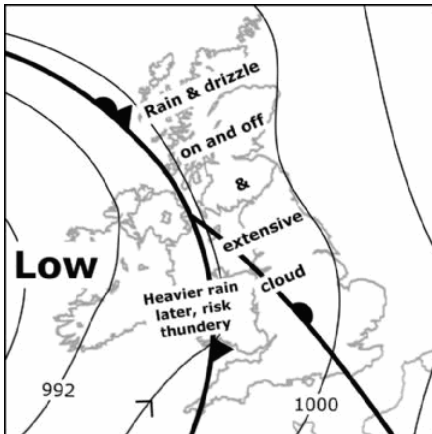
# The Northwest Highlands

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.)



[Skye Basecamp - a brand new climber's hostel run by Skye Guides mountain guiding](#)  
 Visit [www.skyebasecamp.co.uk](http://www.skyebasecamp.co.uk) to book your stay

## General Summary for Sunday, 6 October, 2024



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 6 October, 2024**

Damp southerly air brings a lot of cloud, with drizzle and pulses of rain drifting northwards. Lowest cloud on south-facing hill groups. Drier and higher cloud toward NW Scotland. A zone of heavier rain moves into Wales in afternoon, locally torrential, risk of thunder. Blustery S-SE'ly winds, feeling cool on higher terrain.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Patchy rain, often drier west, some cloud breaks. Breezy.

## Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 6 October, 2024

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southeasterly typically 20 to 30mph, possibly stronger for a time from dawn; lulls to lower speeds possible during day.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Varied, prepare for marked wind chill on higher terrain, blustery at times affecting balance on exposed ridges.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Occasional rain</b> Some areas near the west coast often dry, especially north of Torridon, but expect pulses of rain drifting northwards from time to time, most frequent around Skye, locally also rain on and off toward Caithness.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Breaks to many tops</b> Banks of cloud around Skye to 600-700m, but elevated bases mostly above 900m much of the region, good breaks to many summits. Some low cloud may be drawn onto eastern hills from North Sea.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>40% Skye, to 70% elsewhere.</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun, may be weak at times through high cloud. Visibility good, hazier near coast.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	5 to 7C, but feeling sub-zero if exposed to stronger winds on tops.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits

**The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead**

	<b>Monday 7 October</b>	<b>Tuesday 8 October</b>
<p><b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>Variable direction and speed, often below 15mph, but locally gustier E-SE'ly 20-25mph, mainly Skye, also far north.</p> <p><b>Fairly small, but locally may affect ease of walking on some tops, feeling chilly.</b></p>	<p>Easterly 20 to 35mph, likely strongest toward north, locally gusty western tops; possible lulls near Great Glen.</p> <p><b>Gusts affecting balance on some slopes, further north risk more frequent buffeting. Marked wind chill in exposure.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p><b>Rain on and off</b></p> <p>Periods of showery rain, may be frequent over Sutherland. Locally varied conditions, may result in some hills being dry for several hours during day.</p>	<p><b>Patchy rain east/north</b></p> <p>Occasional rain mainly eastern hills, may drift west across Sutherland at times, but little reaching Skye and Torridon where much of the day may escape dry.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p>	<p><b>Varied over the hills</b></p> <p>Varied extent of cloud: often covering higher summits, lowering around rain to cover hills above 600-700m, locally lower in east. Better breaks more likely western areas around Torridon.</p>	<p><b>Mainly east/north, clearer west</b></p> <p>Low cloud most persistent over east and northern areas Ben Wyvis to Ben Hope, at times bases below 600m. Further west cloud higher and more broken toward upper slopes.</p>
<p><b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b></p>	<p><b>30%</b></p>	<p><b>50%</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Glimpses of sun.</p> <p>Visibility at times good, but reduced in rain.</p>	<p>Sunshine mostly near west coast, some high level cloud; cloudier east.</p> <p>Visibility good west, hazier east.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b></p> <p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>6C, but feeling sub-zero if exposed to stronger breeze.</p> <p>Above the summits</p>	<p>6C, but feeling sub-zero in the stronger winds.</p> <p>Above the summits</p>

**Planning Outlook**

**All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 7 October, 2024**

Areas of low pressure will influence all areas throughout the week ahead, bringing frequent rain and showers. Fairly mild conditions at first, but much colder air returns from the north from midweek, dropping widely below freezing over higher mountains, with showers of snow focused over Scottish mountains. A former Atlantic hurricane is likely track across southern Britain as a deep low, bringing a risk of heavy rain to England and Wales Wednesday-Thursday. Wind speeds very varied, some lulls early in the week, but midweek onward a risk of widespread gales or even stormy winds for a time - significant wind chill later week in strong northerlies.

**Forecast issued at 16:00 on Saturday, 5 October, 2024**

The production of the Scottish forecasts is fully funded by the Scottish Government through Mountaineering Scotland with the support of sportscotland. Forecasts are issued daily by 16:30 and are kept under review and amended as necessary. However, expected conditions can still change after issue. © Copyright Mountain Weather Information Service, 2024.