

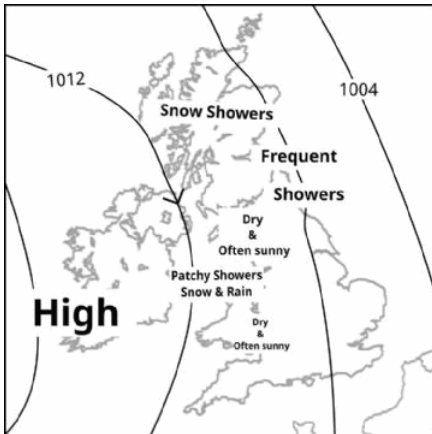
The Northwest Highlands

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, 10 October, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 10 October, 2024

Cold, on Munros below freezing. Widespread morning frost in the valleys, in Lakes and Snowdonia below freezing in the morning. Snow showers in the Highlands. Snow and rain mix toward the Borders and locally in Snowdonia. Elsewhere likely dry, often sunny, but in places windy through eastern UK.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Very cold, frequent snow showers, little sunshine

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 10 October, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly turning westerly, 15 to 25mph, in the far north perhaps 30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small, blustery in the north. Marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow showers, mostly north and west Showers in the far north and along western coast, fairly persistent toward Torridon and Ullapool. More widespread rain in the evening. Snow falling as low as 400m, locally even lower.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive in the west Western and northern hills mostly covered above 700-800m, rising a little through the day. Inland hills (e.g. Kintail) likely clear or just highest tops covered.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun along most of western coast, but glimpses of sun on Skye and longer spells of sun toward Great Glen. Getting cloudier afternoon. Very good visibility away from showers.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 or 1C. Below freezing in the morning. Feeling much colder in wind.
Freezing Level	600m rising to 900m.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 11 October	Saturday 12 October
How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly, often 40-50mph, 55mph possible on most exposed areas.	Forecast uncertainty high: North to northeasterly, 10 to 20mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable buffeting, walking difficult on high terrain, stability strongly affected and significant wind chill.	Small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain/snow showers near west coast Showers merging into fairly persistent rain on western coastal hills, toward the east and Great Glen showers more scattered. Above around 1000m falling as snow.	In the morning rain and snow Rain first half of the day, snow above 400-700m. Becoming dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Western hills extensive Very low cloud on western coastal hills, near 1000m in the east.	Variable, tops mostly covered Varying, tops often covered in clouds. High uncertainty for details.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Hardly any sun in the west, periods of sunshine toward the east. Poor visibility, hazy.	Little or no sun. Perhaps becoming brighter afternoon. Moderate visibility reducing to poor at times.
How Cold? (at 900m)	2 to 4C. Near freezing in the morning. Feeling near -10C in wind.	-2 to 1C
Freezing Level	Around 1000m, rising above the summits.	Mostly 800-900m, locally falling down to 500m in the far north.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 11 October, 2024**

Warm front passing on Friday brings briefly milder temperatures, gales and rain in western Highlands, before flow changes back to northerly for the weekend. Saturday frequently wet in Scotland, snow on the tops, rain lower down. High pressure meaning cool but sunny Sunday, still sunny on Monday but southerly winds increasingly strong on western hills. Warmer next week, any snow soon melting and probably a few dry but windy days in the start of the week. Conditions possibly deteriorating midweek.

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