

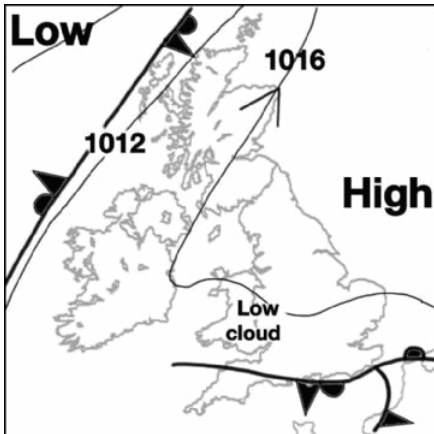
The Northwest Highlands

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 Monday, 14 October, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 October, 2024

Sunshine and light wind on most mountain areas. However, in Wales, low cloud after overnight rain (mainly S Wales), and mist will lift only slowly from the north and west. A weakening front off the coast of NW Scotland will bring a little rain at first, and on Skye, extensive very low cloud.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Extensively dry; cloud above most summits. Low cloud and windy Skye.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 14 October, 2024

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Between south and southwesterly, ranging from 30 to 35mph coastal summits to mostly 20-25mph.</p> <p>On easternmost summits south from Ben Wyvis 15 to 20mph.</p> <p>Mostly small well inland, but near the coast anticipate significant buffeting and marked wind chill in gusty winds - sudden gusts lower slopes.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Little or no precipitation</p> <p>Substantially or completely dry, although a little light rain, or above about 900m snow, mainly near the coast in the morning.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Largely clearing: but may well be persistent on Skye</p> <p>Skye: High risk persistent fog, forming on lowest slopes toward the south coast.</p> <p>Mainland: South of Knoydart, patches below 500m, lifting to 800m or above by afternoon.</p> <p>Elsewhere, some uncertainty in extent of low cloud at first, but during morning becoming confined above 900m before nearly all clearing.</p> <p>10% Cuillin; but elsewhere rising to 80% by afternoon</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Cloud slowly thinning to give patches of sun, although mostly dull and misty Skye.</p> <p>Visibility mostly excellent away from Skye</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>1C; tending to rise toward 4 or 5C.</p> <p>Near the coast will feel well below freezing point where exposed to the wind.</p> <p>950m, gradually rising above the summits.</p> <p>Widely frosty lowland and upland valleys after dawn.</p>

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 15 October	Wednesday 16 October
<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Southerly, varied speeds; typically 25 to 35mph, but 40mph, perhaps 50mph in some, mainly coastal areas afternoon.</p> <p>Fairly small some areas, but widely considerable wind chill and walking arduous; sudden gusts (including on lower slopes) may knock you over.</p>	<p>Southerly; tending to ease through day from 35 to 55mph after dawn toward 25 to 35mph by dusk. Very gusty.</p> <p>Considerable buffeting and wind chill where exposed. Sudden powerful gusts, sometimes on lower slopes may blow you over.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Little or very likely no rain</p>	<p>Rain on and off</p> <p>Pulses of rain throughout day. North from about Torridon, often little more than 'spots in the wind', and overall amounting to little.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Most mountains cloud free. Probably extensive near Skye</p> <p>Skye and nearby summits south from Knoydart likely to be capped by rolls of cloud for periods; mostly above 750m. However, on Skye, west from the Cuillin, cloud often forming from 300 to 450m up, possibly covering south facing coastal cliffs.</p> <p>70%, but 20% Cuillin</p>	<p>Mostly confined to higher tops</p> <p>Skye and south from Knoydart: persistent cloud above 600 to 800m, perhaps base dropping toward 300m at times, particularly Skye.</p> <p>Elsewhere, varied cloud base, patches above 750m, but often confined to higher tops.</p> <p>30%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Intermittent cloud near Skye, where perhaps a haze.</p> <p>Elsewhere, extensive sun and excellent or superb visibility.</p>	<p>Rare sunshine coming through, mainly north of Torridon.</p> <p>Mostly good visibility, although a haze.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>8C; although a couple of degrees colder where in cloud.</p> <p>Will feel colder than freezing point directly</p> <p>Above the summits</p>	<p>8 to 12C, coldest where in cloud.</p> <p>Will feel below freezing point directly in the wind.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 15 October, 2024

Deteriorating over the next few days as wetter conditions, concentrated in most western mountains extends off the Atlantic. There will be bouts of upland gale, but only rarely on highest summits will temperatures drop below freezing point. Least rainfall is likely in the northern NW Highlands (north of Torridon).

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