

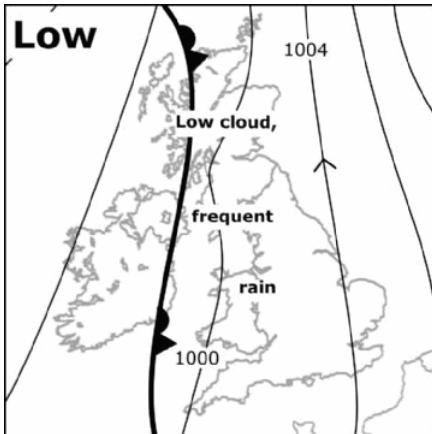
The Northwest Highlands

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 to book your stay

General Summary for Wednesday, 16 October, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 October, 2024

Gale force southerly winds, very gusty over the mountains, lessening from the west. Generally wet with low cloud across all regions, but northwestern Scotland seeing smallest amounts of rain, locally dry for periods. Some heavier periods of rain extending northwards over England, Wales & southern Scotland.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland gales easing. Patchy rain, low cloud, drier northwest.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 16 October, 2024

| | |
|---|--|
| <p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p> | <p>South to southeasterly; tending to ease through day, from 35 to 55mph after dawn into morning, toward 25 to 35mph into afternoon, least wind toward dusk. Very gusty, particularly downslope north of major summits.</p> <p>Considerable buffeting and wind chill where exposed in the morning. Sudden powerful gusts, sometimes on lower slopes may blow you over. Improving with time.</p> |
| <p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p> | <p>Rain on and off, mostly morning</p> <p>Pulses of rain throughout day - some steady rain fairly widely early morning, easing off. Then 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>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. 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>Rare sunshine coming through, mainly north of Torridon. Mostly good visibility, although a haze.</p> |
| <p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p> | <p>8 to 12C, coldest where in cloud. Will feel below freezing point directly in the wind.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p> |

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

| | Thursday 17 October | Friday 18 October |
|--|---|---|
| How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you? | South to southwesterly, 15 to 25mph, typically strongest on mountains near west coast, local 30mph at times. Fairly small, but may start to affect balance at times on exposed higher ridges. | Southwesterly, starting 40mph and deteriorating, becoming 50-60mph on tops. Difficult conditions, becoming severe, walking hardly possible on exposed paths. High wind chill factor. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | A little rain, fading Patchy rain from before dawn tending to break up and clear northeastwards during the morning. Pockets of drizzly rain may linger on/near Skye, locally a brief light shower, but much of region often dry. | Dry start, persistent rain afternoon Likely dry morning, perhaps damp with a local shower on and around Skye. More widespread rain moving in from the southwest around noon, becoming persistent. Increasingly heavy toward the evening, especially Skye and Kintail. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Varied, most persistent Skye Varied banks of low cloud, plus fog in some glens from dawn. In many areas, will lift toward higher slopes, clearing some tops toward east. But on/nearest Skye, very low cloud may cloak the hills all day. | Progressively more extensive Firstly in the far north and in the east hills often clear, toward Cuillin covered from start. Cloud rapidly descending to cover hills down to to lower slopes. |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | 10% Skye, rising to 60% Ben Wyvis area | 30% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Glimpses of sun west, but more often sunny toward east and northeast. Around Skye may remain misty, but elsewhere out of cloud visibility very good. | Some sun toward the east and north in the morning, dull along western coastal hills. Often poor visibility. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level | 6 to 8C, coolest in cloud in west. Above the summits | 6 to 9C, warmest in the far north. Wind chill feeling well below freezing. Above the summits. |

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 17 October, 2024

South to southwesterly winds will prevail over the next week or more, bringing mild or very mild temperatures, but an unsettled outlook with periods of rain, heavy at times. Temperatures will stay above freezing to higher tops, so recent snow cover will all thaw. Generally least rain toward north-northwest Scotland (north of about Torridon). Thursday is drier for many places. Rain on and off onward into the weekend. Frequently windy on the hills - Friday and then Sunday likely to be the windiest days during the week ahead - reaching storm-force winds on higher mountains. Next week, higher pressure may expand over England and Wales at least for periods.

Forecast issued at 13:11 on Tuesday, 15 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.