

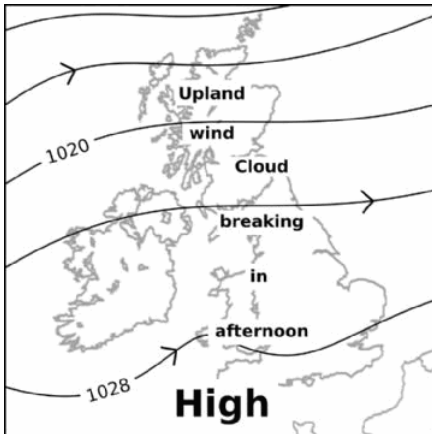
The Northwest Highlands

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 Tuesday, 22 October, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 22 October, 2024

Upland wind in the Scottish Highlands but lighter elsewhere. Frequent showers or drizzle in the morning, falling as sleet or hail on the higher Scottish summits. These will tend to ease in the afternoon causing the extensive morning cloud to lift and break a little.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland wind. Showers easing and cloud breaking in the afternoon.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 22 October, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	West to southwesterly between 35 and 45mph, generally strongest toward the north.
Effect of wind on you?	Widespread buffeting and considerable wind chill on higher areas.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent showers morning; hail and sleet Showers throughout the morning, sometimes one after another. Tending to ease into the afternoon, with very little by dusk. Hail and above 1000m wet snow.
Cloud on the hills?	Persistent fog higher slopes; highest cloud base well inland. Breaking in afternoon. Cloud base will vary, dropping near precipitation. Typically in the range 500 to 800m, but often a couple of hundred metres higher easternmost summits. Tending to lift and break in the afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20% becoming 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun only, mainly lower slopes well inland. Persistent haze.
How Cold? (at 900m)	2C. Will feel around -10C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	1150m.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 23 October	Thursday 24 October
<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Southwest, backing toward southerly, in the range 45 to 55 or 60mph, strongest near the coast, particularly Sutherland.</p> <p>Severe wind chill and difficult walking conditions where exposed. You may be blown over higher up.</p>	<p>Southerly 40 to 60mph, strongest near the west coast. Will reduce abruptly from the west late in the day.</p> <p>Very challenging walking conditions at times with powerful down-slope gusts on Skye and near the west coast. Significant wind chill.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Drizzly, mainly near Skye</p> <p>Extensively dry except Skye and nearby hills north to Kintail and west coastal Wester Ross, where drizzly frequently or on and off all day.</p>	<p>Pockets of drizzly rain</p> <p>Inland regions will remain mostly dry, but pockets of persistent drizzly rain on west-coastal upslopes. Some of these may penetrate inland at times. More organised rain arriving in the evening.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Extensively shrouding higher areas; very low cloud base near Skye</p> <p>Skye and nearby hills north to Kintail and west coastal Wester Ross: Fog from 300 to 450m all day. Elsewhere: Cloud base typically 600 to perhaps 900m, highest easternmost summits (those near Great Glen to Ben Wyvis) and in Sutherland.</p> <p>20%</p>	<p>Extensive</p> <p>Cloud will shroud the hills from lower west-coastal slopes up for much of the day, with the cloud base highest inland towards the north.</p> <p>20%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Occasional sunshine coming through easternmost areas; cloudy elsewhere. Persistently hazy; misty where drizzly.</p>	<p>Little sunshine and some haze.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>6C. Will feel as cold as minus 10C directly in the wind.</p> <p>Above the summits</p>	<p>5C. Feeling around -10C in the wind.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 23 October, 2024

Generally humid and windy conditions over the next few days bringing lots of low cloud and some drizzle on western coasts. More organised rain at times from Friday and into the weekend but the potential development of a low pressure near Ireland is giving some uncertainty. Temperatures likely fluctuating over the weekend with higher summits below freezing at times.

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