

The Northwest Highlands

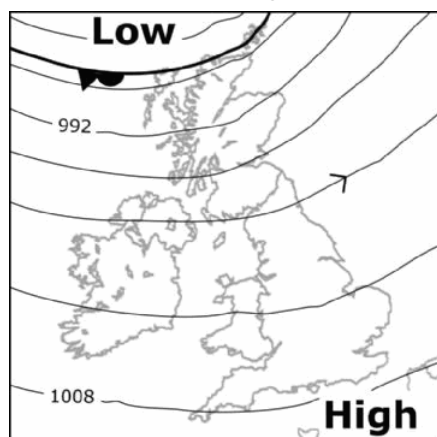
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Wednesday, 4 June, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 4 June, 2025

Cold: showers (very frequent west) of hail and on higher slopes snow and gale force upland winds. Southward into England and Wales, a little less cold, progressively fewer showers and decreasingly windy.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland gales; rain and on the Munros snow and persistent fog.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 4 June, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwest to westerly 40 to 50mph mid morning, generally strongest north. Will slowly ease: by evening the range 35 to 40mph. Generally gustiest winds in precipitation.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable buffeting and significant wind chill - where exposed from lower slopes up. Higher up, walking and balance often difficult, particularly in precipitation.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent rain, hail and on higher slopes snow. Showery rain most of day lower slopes - most persistent within a few miles of the coast. Higher up, intermittent hail and above 700m later 1050m snow, the snow lying on higher slopes, particularly morning.
Cloud on the hills?	Mountains cloud covered all day; lowest base near the coast. Typical cloud base 300 to 500m near coasts open to the west and southwest, progressively inland the base rising to in the range 500 to 750m, perhaps rarely 900m easternmost slopes afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Less than 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun, mainly lower slopes well inland. Visibility often poor, sometimes appalling in snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0C lifting to 3C Feeling as cold as -14C where exposed to the wind.
Freezing Level	900m at first, lifting to 1250m into afternoon.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 5 June	Friday 6 June
How windy? (On the Munros)	Between west and southwest 25 to 30mph higher tops; gusty near showers.	West backing southwesterly 10 to 15mph
Effect of wind on you?	Will impede ease of walking where exposed, mainly near showers. Considerable wind chill.	Small or negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers throughout the day Continuing showery. At times toward the west coast, the rain almost persistent for an hour or so. Hail higher slopes and sleet above 900 or 1000m.	Continuing showery. Hail, snow. Widespread showers - relatively few more eastern hills morning, then through afternoon and evening showers become isolated western hills, initially the improvement near the coast. Hail, and snow above about 1050m.
Cloud on the hills?	Persistent most higher areas; lowest cloud base near west coast Cloud base will tend to rise during morning, particularly away from west coast. From midday, near the west coast cloud base ranging between 450 and 700m, lowest near showers, whilst on eastern summits between 650 and 950m.	Clearing most, perhaps nearly all summits by afternoon Skye and nearby mainly coastal slopes, mostly cloud covered above 600 to 800m, although even on Skye may break above 900m north Cuillin. Otherwise cloud base rising; by late morning most cloud above or well above 1000m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	80% by midday
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare sunshine and hazy within a few miles of the west coast to patches of sun (mainly lower slopes) and very good visibility easternmost slopes. Poor visibility in precipitation.	Patches of sunshine, although particularly morning mostly cloudy near Skye. Excellent visibility - temporarily poor in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C. Will feel closer to minus 8C in the wind.	3C near the coast, rising to 7C well inland.
Freezing Level	1150m at first; but rising to 1300m	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 5 June, 2025

Remaining chilly (intermittently near freezing point highest Scottish summits) for the remainder of the week - and probably most of next week. Rainfall and low cloud will remain frequent across particularly western mountains. Often windy higher summits - although mostly speeds below gale force.

Forecast issued at 15:03 on Tuesday, 3 June, 2025

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