

The Northwest Highlands

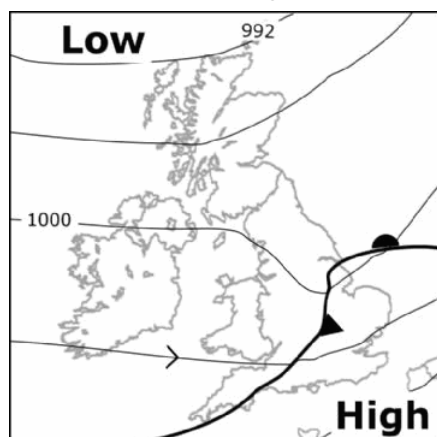
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Thursday, 5 June, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 5 June, 2025

Still cold, particularly Scottish Highlands where in morning higher summits below freezing point. Here showery, particularly NW - hail, and snow higher tops. Further south rain on and off morning before improving to sunshine and scattered showers. Much less windy - still strongest N Scotland.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland gales slowly easing. Showery rain; hail and sleet higher up.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 5 June, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Between west and southwest dropping from 30 to 40mph (least wind near Skye) until mid morning progressively dropping to 15 to 20mph mid afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking widely arduous at first; become small through afternoon. Considerable wind chill. morning.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers sometimes very frequent all day Continuing showery. Toward the west coast, the rain persistent for periods of an hour or so. Hail, and sleet above 800m at first, in afternoon 1100m.
Cloud on the hills?	Persistent most higher areas; lowest cloud base near west coast. Cloud base will tend to rise 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.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%
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.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C. Will feel closer to minus 8C in the wind.
Freezing Level	1150m at first; but rising to 1300m

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 6 June	Saturday 7 June
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West backing southwesterly 10 to 15mph Small or negligible	Direction varied, 10mph or less morning. From the west becoming northwesterly 10 to perhaps in evening 20mph. Small or negligible.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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.	Heavy slow moving showers; thunder Scattered showers confined within a few miles of the coast until late morning. Then dry coastal areas, whilst elsewhere heavy showers forming and drifting about only slowly. Hail and on highest tops sleet. Small risk thunder.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	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. 80% by midday	Summits cloud free for periods, but forming widely in heavy rain. Most or all mountains clearing for periods as in morning cloud base rises. But in rain, very varied as patches form from lower slopes up, particularly above forest canopies - whilst in other areas breaks persist to higher slopes. 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patches of sunshine, although particularly morning mostly cloudy near Skye. Excellent visibility - temporarily poor in precipitation.	Sunshine coming through from time to time. Excellent or superb visibility in very clear air, but expect areas of very poor visibility in and after rain.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	3C near the coast, rising to 7C well inland. Above the summits.	3C rising to 5 to 7C away from coastal areas. Just above highest tops.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 6 June, 2025

Remaining chilly until Sunday night (intermittently near freezing point highest Scottish summits). Rainfall and low cloud will remain frequent across particularly western mountains until well into next week. Intermittently windy.

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