

The Northwest Highlands

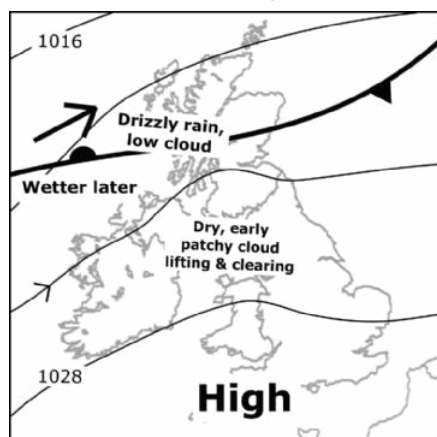
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Monday, 16 June, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 June, 2025

A front draped over the Highlands brings low cloud and drizzly rain to western areas, heavier rain pushing northwards in the afternoon. Southwesterly winds will strengthen later in Scotland, becoming gales on higher mountains by evening. Dry with sunny spells and cloud clearing the tops in England & Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland gales developing, drizzle turning to rain western hills

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 16 June, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 30mph, locally 40mph at first in far north, then more widely strengthening through afternoon to reach 50mph, risk up to dusk nearing 60mph at least in gusts west coastal mountains. Strenuous conditions, affecting balance where exposed, but deteriorating further to become widely difficult over the mountains later in the daytime. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly west, becoming rain afternoon Patchy drizzle on western hills in the morning, most frequent on/near Skye. During afternoon, more persistent steady rain moves in from southwest, becoming fairly extensive for a few hours into evening, easing for a time, then further rain likely into night, turning heavy western mountains around Skye.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Low cloud most persistent around Skye Shrouding the hills most likely all day above 500 to 700m, lower at times in more persistent rain from Skye to coastal Wester Ross. Higher bases north/eastwards, some breaks above 800m during middle of day. 10% on/near Skye, 30% far north/east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy, a little sun through high cloud mainly Sutherland in morning, then more widely cloudy, misty with poor visibility in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	7C rising to 9C or slightly higher eastern areas afternoon. Will feel close to freezing point directly in the wind, sub-zero by evening. Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 17 June	Wednesday 18 June
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 25 to 35mph, strongest northern areas, risk 50mph up to dawn; may increase a little again by dusk. Blustery on hills, affecting balance on exposed ridges, more challenging early and late. Marked wind chill.	West to southwesterly 25mph, but for periods 30-35mph, mainly northern tops. Affecting comfortable walking and balance where exposed on some higher tops and ridges. Feeling noticeably chilly.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers becoming drizzly, fading Overnight rain breaking up into showers from dawn, on and off for a few hours, fading to become light and patchy, then more often dry by middle of day onward.	Drizzly rain west Amounts fairly small, but risk often damp with light rain or drizzle on western mountains, particularly around Skye, may become more persistent steady rain.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Lifting, may linger west coast tops Fairly extensive above 600 to 800m from dawn, lowest toward west coast. Bases rising mostly above 800m, with breaks forming to higher slopes inland and east, but patches may persist near west coast. 40%	Low cloud likely to persist west Shrouding western hills most or all day, cloud bases 500 to 700m, may rise a little with time. Some breaks higher up for periods across Sutherland. Cloud lowering widely if rain turns heavier. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun coming through. Visibility becoming very good.	Largely cloudy, hazy or misty west coastal hills around Skye. Some glimpses of sun further north and east, visibility good inland below cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5C, rising slightly into afternoon. Feeling like -5C directly in the wind. Above the summits	4 or 5C, marginal rise inland and east into afternoon. Feeling like -5C in exposure to stronger wind. Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 17 June, 2025**

Humid southwesterly winds early this week brings low cloud and spells of drizzly rain to western hills. High pressure to the south will tend to expand northwards during midweek, with dry conditions and warm air for all regions, sunshine and fair-weather cloud. Winds becoming light south to southeasterlies later in the week. Uncertainty by next weekend into early the following week, a risk of some rain or showers returning as pressure tends to fall.

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