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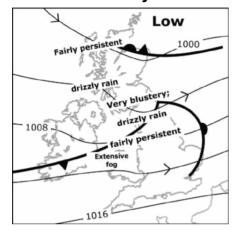
The Northwest Highlands

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, 24 June, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 24 June, 2025

Frequent rain/drizzle onto most west coastal slopes, steadier rain for a time in the morning slipping east. High terrain mostly foggy, down to lower slopes in places along west coasts; best of breaks east Scotland and North Pennines. Blustery for most with risk of gales high terrain of England and north Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Frequent rain/drizzle, often poor visibility; feeling chilly

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 24 June, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 20 to 25mph. Stronger breezes from Ullapool south in the morning, up to 30mph.		
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but may start to feel noticeable and affect balance where exposed on high tops. Rather cool.		
How wet?	Frequent showers and drizzle onto west coast, regularly slipping inland		
(Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent or persistent drizzly showers drift onto the west coast most of the day. Rain may be heavier over the high tops. Showers will drift inland though weaken as they go. Breaking up into lighter showers towards later afternoon.		
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive		
	Shrouding hills most or all day in western areas, from mid-to-lower slopes up along the coast in rain. Bases may rise a little inland, some breaks to 800-900m around Ben Wyvis/east Sutherland.		
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely overcast, possibly glimpses of sun east. Visibility good below cloud inland, but often rather misty over many western hills.		
How Cold? (at 900m)	6C, little or no change all day. Feeling near/below freezing in breeze.		
Freezing Level	Above the summits		

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The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 25 June	Thursday 26 June
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwest then southerly, 15 to 25mph, strongest west coastal hills, particularly Skye. Chance of a lull well inland later. Fairly small, may feel noticeable on exposed ridges in west.	Southwesterly 30-40mph, strongest winds early near the coast. Winds rising into evening, risk up to 50mph near Skye. Balance and stability challenged, strenuous walking near the coast. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Little rain during daytime	Substantially dry after dawn
(Precipitation and its impact)	Occasional drizzle, mainly on Skye and nearby hills. A few local drizzly showers may drift around northern areas in the afternoon. Into the night, rain may develop from the southwest.	Patchy rain at dawn soon clears to the east. A few drizzly moments come and go on high tops of Cuillin ridge. Into evening, rain setting in again from the west, becoming persistent with heavy moments.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly persistent Skye, clearer north/east	Fairly extensive early, lifting and breaking
	Often covering higher slopes on Skye and nearby on the mainland above 600 to 800m. Cloud banks come and go elsewhere, most frequently western mountains in morning, good breaks likely forming toward far north.	Fairly extensive over high terrain at dawn, Cuillin ridge well shrouded. Cloud will break through morning and bases lift to 900m with regular breaks to tops, best in the north and well inland. Cloud will be more persistent on and near the Cuillin.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20% Skye, to 50% north/east.	Becoming 80%, 40% Cuillin
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A little sun mostly Sutherland, largely cloudy toward Skye. Visibility very good out of cloud.	Becoming frequent as cloud breaks. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6C, rising up to 10C inland afternoon. Feeling sub-zero in the wind on Skye.	6 or 7C, slightly warmer at daybreak. Windward hills of Cuillin a degree cooler. Feeling as cold as -5C in strongest wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 25 June, 2025

West to southwesterly winds prevail this week and a series of frontal systems come in from the Atlantic. Rain and drizzle most frequent in west with low cloud often covering hills, typically most extensive in Scotland. Higher cloud bases and drier further eastwards. Temperatures near average, or lower at times in Scotland. Often windy, risk of more extensive upland gales and some heavier rain as deeper areas of low pressure likely move in later in the week. Some indication of a brief settled spell into the weekend and rising temperatures, though northwest Scotland remaining at risk of frontal weather systems.

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