

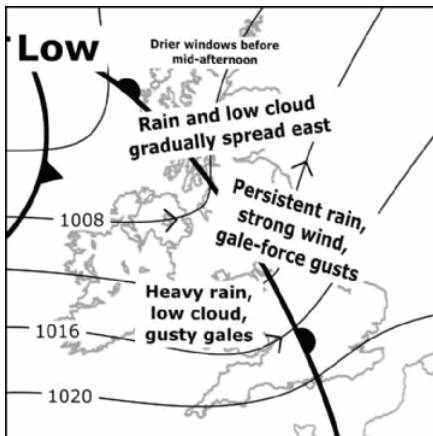
The Northwest Highlands

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, 11 June, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 11 June, 2026

Persistent rain onto western hills from dawn, soon spreading widely. Murky with heavy falls, extended heavy falls west Wales. Very windy England and Wales, gale-force gusts, strongest Wales. Rain and strong wind slower to reach north and east Scotland though blanket low cloud fills in.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Persistent rain and windy Skye; later spreading north

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 11 June, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly shifting southerly 15 to 25mph, strongest on and near Skye where nearer 30-35mph with stronger gusts. Shifting westerly from the south later in the day, speeds rising widely to 25-30mph into night, locally stronger.
Effect of wind on you?	Varied, but often blustery western tops, affecting ease of walking and balance on exposed ridges; considerable wind chill. Effects stay fairly small eastern areas well into the day, but beware sudden gusts over high tops.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain most of the day Skye, patchier north Rain soon spilling in from the southwest, most persistent around Skye throughout the day, heavier at times, but smaller patchier amounts further north and east. Some risk of heavier patchy bursts in northwest areas late in the day.
Cloud on the hills?	Lowest around Skye Soon blanket cloud across the hills in coastal areas south from Wester Ross, filling in to low slopes on Cuillin. Higher and more broken cloud base northwards, some breaks toward tops if dry, but lowering chance here later in the day too.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%, but nearer 40% northern hills through morning
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare if any sun, weak through high cloud, best chance in the north early. Largely cloudy and dull Skye. Poor visibility in rain, locally better north.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C rising to 6 or 7C. Feeling like 0 to -5C in direct wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 12 June	Saturday 13 June
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West or southwesterly, 25 to 40mph, trending towards high end of the range later in the day. Strenuous walking where exposed over high terrain, some buffeting gusts starting to affect balance. Marked wind chill.	Westerly 40-50mph at dawn, shifting northwesterly and gradually easing to 30-40mph, lightest Skye. Difficult conditions and significant wind chill well into the day; an easing trend, but walking remains arduous over tops.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers from the west Frequently damp over west coastal hills with showers and drizzle on and off much of the day, generally light, risk of heavier showers later. Some showers move inland, but more often dry in east.	Often raining Rain soon spreads across most hills, setting in persistently in the north and west for several hours at least. Tending to break into a more showery pattern late in the day, always most frequent west.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, lowest west Persistent across western hills, foggy above 500-700m, or to some lower slopes nearest coasts, particularly Skye. Higher cloud bases eastward, some breaks possible above 800m, but also lowering for periods.	Fairly extensive Cloud shrouds the western Munros to at least the middle slopes most of the day. Some higher bases and more broken inland in the morning, but likely spreading more widely by midday and remaining extensive for several afternoon hours.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, glimpses of sun mainly eastern areas. Some west coastal haze, visibility good where drier inland and east.	A few glimpses of weak sun. Visibility often poor due to fog and rain, some haze near coasts.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5C, slightly warmer eastern hills afternoon. Feeling like -5C where exposed to wind on tops. Above the summits.	5 or 6C, may rise slightly Kintail and Ben Wyvis. Feeling as cold as -7C in early wind. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 12 June, 2026

Damp westerly breezes on Friday will cloak most mountains in cloud and some drizzle, better conditions eastwards. Cool and strong westerlies persist in Scotland on Saturday, then warmer with lighter winds by Sunday. Some patchy rain remaining in west and northwest Scotland over the weekend. Pressure tends to rise from the south this weekend, bringing warmer air and drier conditions to England & Wales, although west coast mountains may hold onto cloud. Into next week, a mixed southwesterly pattern remains, windy at times with periods of rain, drizzle and low cloud most persistent in the west. Warmest in England and Wales, but cooler westerly air likely returns at times mid-late week. Higher pressure then shows more signs of expanding over the country by late next week bringing improving conditions.

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