

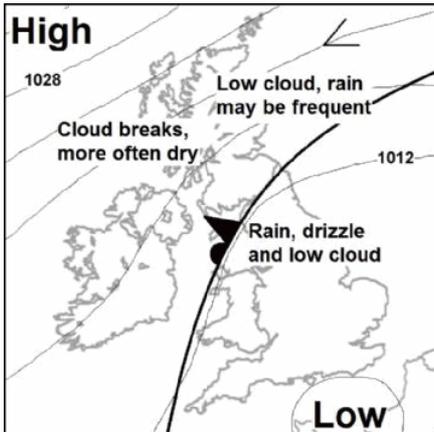
# The Northwest Highlands

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, 12 June, 2019



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 12 June, 2019**

A front will be pivoting slowly westwards across Britain, with low cloud, rain and drizzle affecting many areas through the day. Some heavy bursts, the most persistent rain concentrated on eastern hills. Largely dry toward NW Scotland. Cold & windy - gale force across tops in the Highlands much of day. Less windy Wales, S Pennines.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Gales on the mountains. Largely dry west. Low cloud, patchy rain N/E.

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 12 June, 2019

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| <b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>                 | Northeasterly, 35 to 45mph, in places over 50mph at times.  |
| <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>                     | <b>Difficult walking conditions across the hills. Powerful gusts locally through passes and to lower slopes. Significant wind chill.</b>  |
| <b>How wet?</b><br>(Precipitation and its impact) | <b>Largely dry west; patchy rain east.</b><br>Around Skye, Torridon and much of west coast, little or no rain all day. Occasional patches of rain or drizzle coming inland from the North Sea will affect Sutherland and hills facing Moray Firth - amounts small, but may be frequent over a few hours. Risk of some rain also spreading from east onto hills near Great Glen and Kintail. |
| <b>Cloud on the hills?</b>                        | <b>Extensive north &amp; east; breaks toward Skye/west coast.</b><br>Often shrouding hills across Sutherland and the far north, extensively above 700-800m, but for periods to lower slopes. May cap some tops elsewhere at least intermittently, but breaks to higher slopes should occur frequently around Torridon and the Cuillin.  |
| <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>               | <b>20% north/east; 70% Skye/Torridon.</b>   |
| <b>Sunshine?</b><br>Air clarity (below cloud)     | A little sun near west coast, mostly weak through high cloud, and may generally cloud over.<br>Visibility fairly good, but a slight haze.   |
| <b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>                        | 2 to 4C, perhaps closer to zero locally from dawn.<br>In exposure, wind chill feeling close to -10C.  |
| <b>Freezing Level</b>                             | Generally above freezing up to highest summits, but close to zero on some higher slopes early in day.   |

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

|  | Thursday 13 June   | Friday 14 June   |
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| <b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b><br><b>Effect of wind on you?</b> | Low confidence in the forecast detail: North to northeasterly, 25 to 40mph, perhaps stronger for periods.<br><b>Expect considerable buffeting and wind chill across the hills throughout the day.</b>              | Confidence of detail remains low: Variable, becoming southwesterly, some lulls, up to 20-30mph.<br><b>Varied, at times small, may give blustery conditions for periods.</b>                    |
| <b>How wet?</b><br>(Precipitation and its impact)                  | <b>Risk of rain developing</b><br>Very low confidence: A zone of rain or showers is likely to pivot slowly westwards across the Highlands. Little of this may reach the west coast. Sleet or snow on highest tops. | <b>Threat thundery downpours</b><br>Detail very uncertain, but strong likelihood of clusters of showers, in places some torrential downpours forming with risk of hail, thunder and lightning. |
| <b>Cloud on the hills?</b>   | <b>Breaks mostly west.</b><br><br>Where rain occurs, cloud forming widely on hills. Across far north and Sutherland, low cloud more extensive all day. Toward Skye & Kintail, some breaks likely.                  | <b>Often covering hills</b><br><br>Varied, often capping higher tops, but ragged banks of cloud lowering suddenly during and after rain to form on lower slopes.                               |
| <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>                                | <b>40%</b>   | <b>30%</b>   |
| <b>Sunshine?</b><br>Air clarity (below cloud)                      | Mostly little or no sun.<br><br>Visibility perhaps often good western hills, but reduced where rain occurs.  | Brief glimpses of sun, mostly cloudy.<br><br>Visibility good away from rain, but some areas often poor.  |
| <b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b><br><br><b>Freezing Level</b>            | 0 to 3C.<br><br>Near or just below freezing higher summits in morning, tending to lift above zero.   | 3 to 6C, highest toward Sutherland.<br><br>Above the summits.  |

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 13 June, 2019**

Low pressure will dominate for the rest of this week into the weekend, maintaining unsettled conditions across the British Isles. Periods of rain and some heavy downpours with possible thunder and lightning. Temperatures generally cool, and winds often brisk across the hills. Day-to-day forecast detail will stay very uncertain, with occasional windows of drier weather possible locally. Into next week, generally warmer with winds from the south/southwest. Some hints of pressure building at least for a time to give drier weather.

**Forecast issued at 16:35 on Tuesday, 11 June, 2019**

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