

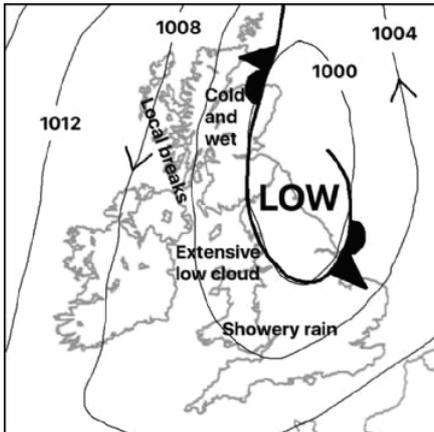
The Northwest Highlands

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, 13 June, 2019



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 June, 2019

Low pressure will bring a cold and wet day to most areas with gusty northerly winds and extensive low cloud across many hills. The rain will be focused on E Scotland and NE England. Elsewhere, morning rain breaking into scattered heavy, locally thundery, showers. Far west of Scotland drier with some cloud breaks.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Cold and windy with extensive hill fog. Rain edging westwards.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 13 June, 2019

How windy? (On the Munros)	North to northeasterly, 25 to 40mph; perhaps stronger at times, but will ease into the evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Expect considerable buffeting and wind chill across the hills throughout the day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain edging in from the east. Low confidence: A zone of rain or showers will pivot slowly westwards across the Highlands. Little of this may reach the west coast. Most persistent rain likely across eastern hills in the afternoon. Sleet or snow on highest tops.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, some local breaks toward Skye. Cloud will shroud the hills extensively in fog through the day; bases generally around 500-700m, but local patches down to 200-300m in rain. However, toward Skye & Kintail, some breaks in the cloud are likely.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%, but 50% toward Skye.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare glimpses of sun toward west coast, otherwise overcast. Visibility perhaps often good western hills, but reduced where rain occurs.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 to 3C. Feeling closer to -11C in direct exposure to strongest winds.
Freezing Level	Near or just below freezing higher summits in morning, tending to lift above zero.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 14 June	Saturday 15 June
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Confidence of detail low: Variable, becoming southwesterly, some lulls, up to 20-30mph. Varied, at times small, may give blustery conditions for periods.	Southeasterly 15-25mph; risk locally 30mph western coastal hills at times. Mostly small, but may impede walking at times across western coastal hills.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Threat thundery downpours Detail very uncertain, but strong likelihood of clusters of showers, in places some torrential downpours forming with risk of hail, thunder and lightning.	A few showers developing. After a dry start, a few showers will develop into the afternoon. These perhaps becoming more organised later in the afternoon/evening with some heavy bursts.
Cloud on the hills?	Often covering hills Varied, often capping higher tops, but ragged banks of cloud lowering suddenly during and after rain to form on lower slopes.	Mostly clear, patches higher tops later. Hills very likely clear much of the day. However, as showers develop later, risk of a few patches lowering onto higher tops.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief glimpses of sun, mostly cloudy. Visibility good away from rain, but some areas often poor.	Visibility very good, but lowering in showers later. Sunny periods.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	3 to 6C, highest toward Sutherland. Above the summits.	5C lifting to 8 or 9C. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 14 June, 2019**

Low pressure will dominate 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. Conditions remaining rather cyclonic into next week with further areas of rain or showers, but some hints of pressure building for a time later in the week to give drier weather.

Forecast issued at 16:35 on Wednesday, 12 June, 2019

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