

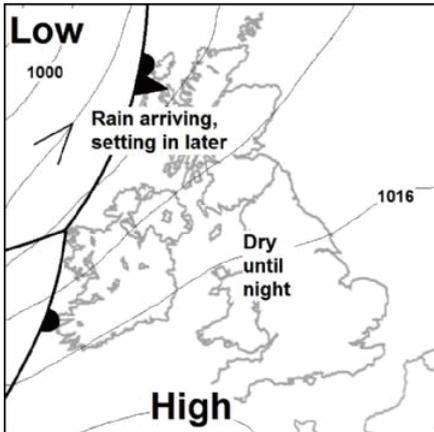
The Northwest Highlands

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, 13 June, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 June, 2018

Fronts moving in from the west will push rain into W & NW Scotland, becoming persistent and heavy later. SE Scotland, plus England & Wales will stay substantially dry until sunset. Southwesterly winds will strengthen, reaching gale force later, then severe upland gales overnight.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Rain developing, setting in. Upland gales afternoon onward.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 13 June, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southwesterly; strengthening from the west: 15-20mph at first, 25-35mph by midday, then 40-50mph by mid-afternoon onward, risk 60mph western mountains.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking will become increasingly arduous by afternoon and more especially in the evening when widely difficult higher slopes.
How wet?	Rain becoming persistent, heaviest west Dry most or all morning inland. Rain developing from the west, initially fairly patchy, arriving across Skye and west coast in the morning, then becoming more widespread afternoon and evening. Heaviest on/near Skye; small amounts toward the Moray Firth.
Cloud on the hills?	Early fog lifting; returning in rain Patches of low cloud here and there at varying heights from dawn; these will lift and clear the hills by mid-morning, leaving many hills clear prior to rain. However, as rain sets in across western hills from Torridon south, cloud will drop to 600m or later lower.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%, later 20%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Any hazy sun will soon give way to cloudy skies. Visibility generally good; slight haze across western hills, then deteriorating in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 to 8C; coldest coastal areas
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 14 June	Friday 15 June
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Soon west to northwesterly, mostly in the range 40 to 55-60mph, but there may be a brief lull in the morning. Expect buffeting across the hills most or all day. Walking often difficult on higher areas. Significant wind chill.	Southwest backing southerly, 20 to 25mph, perhaps 30-35mph at first, particularly in north. Fairly small, but may impede ease of walking some high tops.
How wet?	Frequent rain, heavy showers Overnight rain should move through, but clusters of showers coming in from the west may merge to give frequent heavy bursts over many hours; possible sleet high tops.	Occasional rain Rain on and off, perhaps frequent rain for a few hours, some heavy bursts locally. Rain most persistent around Skye & Torridon, but a few showers may spread to Sutherland.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, base lifting Widely shrouding the mountains at first, to low levels in west. Cloud base tending to lift through the day, with breaks often above 700 to 900m, or higher eastern hills PM.	Extensive western tops Often covering the mountains near the west coast, particularly around Skye, cloud base 700 to 800m, briefly lower in rain. Inland, breaks to higher tops away from rain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%	40%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Brief glimpses of sun. Visibility very good at times, but reduced significantly by rain.	A little sun breaking through, mostly toward the Moray Firth. Visibility reduced by rain, but at times very good.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	3 to 5C; coldest western hills. Above the summits, but dropping close to highest tops.	3 to 6C; coldest west. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 14 June, 2018**

Changeable conditions over the next week or so as frontal systems come in from the Atlantic. Spells of rain, most persistent on western mountains, accompanied by low cloud. Rain tending to focus on western Scotland next week, whilst England, Wales and the eastern Highlands should see just small amounts. Winds varied, but at times blustery, some days up to gale force on the mountains. Temperatures close to average, but cooler than recent times for many, particularly western Scotland.

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