

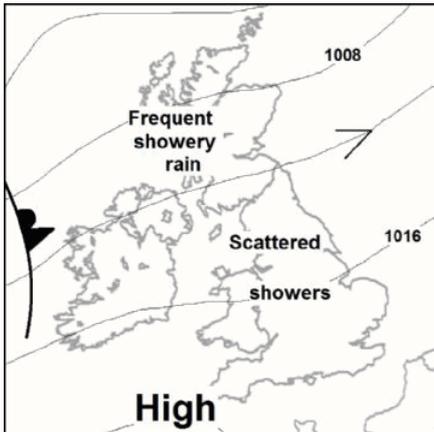
The Northwest Highlands

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 Friday, 15 June, 2018



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 15 June, 2018

A general southwesterly flow will bring showery rain to the Highlands, most frequent in the west. A few showers England & Wales, but often dry. Breezy on higher areas, but winds considerably lighter than Thursday.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Showery rain from time to time. Breezy. Cloud lifting.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 15 June, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwest backing southerly, 20 to 25mph, but 30-35mph at first, particularly in north; easing toward 15mph later in day.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but may impede ease of walking some high tops early morning.
How wet?	Occasional rain Rain on and off from before dawn; locally frequent for a few hours, with scattered heavy bursts, most persistent around Skye & Torridon, but a few showers may spread to Sutherland. Tending to fade into the afternoon and evening.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive western tops, base lifting away from rain 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, and cloud may substantially lift above many hills in the afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% morning; by afternoon 50% or 70% inland and east.
Sunshine and air clarity?	A little sun breaking through, mostly toward the Moray Firth. Visibility reduced by rain, but at times very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4 to 6C; coldest west.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 16 June	Sunday 17 June
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Variable in direction, mostly east or southeasterly; 5 to 10mph or less, rarely 15mph. Mostly negligible	South to southwesterly; strengthening through day, from 10-15mph at dawn, to 30-40mph by evening, strongest west. Starting small, but deteriorating to give buffeting across the hills later, especially in west.
How wet?	Scattered showers; mainly afternoon Isolated bursts of rain here and there from dawn. Scattered showers will then develop from late morning onwards; locally heavy with a risk of thunder. Some areas, especially along the coast, will stay dry.	Rain arriving around Skye later The odd drizzly shower in the morning, but many hours substantially dry. During the afternoon or into the evening, a greater risk of rain or drizzle developing from the west, focused around Skye and Torridon.
Cloud on the hills?	Early patchy fog soon clearing Patches of low cloud will shroud the hills from dawn at varying heights, before lifting and breaking from mid morning. All hills will become clear of cloud by midday, although a few patches may reform in and around showers.	Breaks to most tops; lowering in rain Banks of cloud above 600 to 800m, or locally lower in the morning, but will lift and break, clearing most tops into the middle of the day. Where rain develops later, cloud will lower back onto higher terrain, particularly Skye.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%	60%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Occasional sunshine breaking through; perhaps becoming extensive along coast. Visibility generally becoming very good.	A little sun in the morning, but becoming increasingly overcast. Visibility very good most of the day; reduced in rain later.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5 lifting to 7 or 8C Above the summits.	5 rising to 8C, or locally slightly warmer toward Moray Firth. Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 16 June, 2018**

Conditions remaining mixed into next week as frontal systems continue to come in from the Atlantic. Spells of rain, most persistent on western mountains in Scotland, accompanied by low cloud. Meanwhile, England, Wales and the eastern Highlands should see just small amounts of rain. Winds varied, but at times blustery, some days up to gale force on the mountains. Temperatures close to average, but cooler than recent weeks overall, particularly western Scotland.

Forecast issued at 16:26 on Thursday, 14 June, 2018

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