MOUNTAIN WEATHER INFORMATION SERVICE

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, 23 June, 2022



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 23 June, 2022

Warm and quite humid with strong sunshine for most areas. Light to moderate southerly winds. The west coast of Scotland will hold on to banks of low cloud, but some breaks forming. High cloud builds over Wales and central England, may locally result in a thunderstorm toward evening, drifting northwards.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Low cloud and drizzle west. Windy near coast in morning.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 23 June, 2022

How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southwesterly 25 to 40mph, strongest coastal mountains in west, tending to ease through the day.	
Effect of wind on you?	Near west coast and Skye, expect wind to markedly impede steady walking, particularly morning. Becoming fairly small with time.	
How wet?	Drizzle mostly west coast near Skye	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly rain mostly Skye and coastal hills in Wester Ross, in places frequent over an hour or more.	
	Elsewhere, rare patches of drizzle western hills, mainly dry north and east.	
Cloud on the hills? Very low cloud near west coast, higher cloud bases north and east.		
	On/near Skye and west coastal hills of Wester Ross northwards: fog from lower slopes, sometimes coastal cliffs all day. Elsewhere: Fog across the mountains widely morning before cloud base lifts toward 650m. Easternmost summits becoming clearer, particularly afternoon.	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10% coasts around Skye, 30% north of Ullapool, rising to 60% inland/east.	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Dull and misty near west coast, but the sun coming through inland, mainly lower slopes afternoon, where mostly very good visibility.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 to 8C near west coast, coolest if in fog. 7C rising to 10C or locally warmer toward Ben Wyvis by afternoon.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 24 June	Saturday 25 June
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South to southeasterly or variable, 10 to 20mph or sometimes less. Mostly small, but sudden gusts may form around bursts of rain.	South or southeasterly, speeds may vary considerably, in places sometimes little wind, up to 30-40mph, mainly in west. At times small, but expect periods of buffeting gusts, perhaps frequently arduous walking where exposed in west.
How wet?	Increasing risk thundery downpours	Showers forming, some heavy
(Precipitation and its impact)	Chance of bursts of rain locally from early morning, but forming increasingly as the day progresses. By afternoon into evening, areas of rain lasting an hour or more. Some heavy downpours, risk hail and thunder.	Local areas of rain are possible early in the day, but several hours likely largely dry. A greater risk of showers by the afternoon, these locally hit and miss, but heavy bursts may contain hail, chance of thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly coastal hills, elsewhere in rain	Mostly around rain, breaks to tops
	Varied cloud conditions: From dawn, banks of cloud mostly toward west coast, patches elsewhere clearing for a time, but where rain occurs, cloud lowering widely, to form at various levels, patches to lowest slopes.	If rain occurs early morning, locally cloud shrouding hills for a few hours. Otherwise, mostly just patches on higher tops, which will lift and break. Then around showers, cloud will vary, in places forming to lower slopes.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun fairly weak due to layers of high cloud, becoming overcast. Visibility good, slight haze, reducing where rain develops and murky if it sets in.	Occasional sun, best near to coasts in the afternoon and evening. Visibility often very good, but reduced where rain occurs.
How Cold? (at 900m)	9C rising to 12 to 14C, feeling humid.	4 to 7C Skye and west coast, up to 7 to 9C inland and north.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 24 June, 2022

Turning more unsettled for several days through the weekend into early next week as a slow-moving area of low pressure affects Britain. Conditions will vary day-to-day, locally escaping dry some days, but expect some areas of persistent rain mixed with heavy or sometimes thundery showers almost anywhere. Wind speed also varied, mostly south or southwesterly, strengthening at times, may reach gale force on the high tops into next week. Feeling warm where sunshine develops, but cool in cloud and rain. Cloud will come and go on the hills, but lowering extensively during rain.

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