

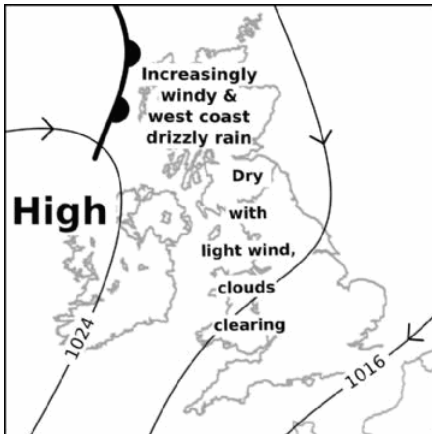
The Northwest Highlands

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, 19 June, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 19 June, 2024

Highlands: Initially dry with light winds, but wind steadily increasing. Patchy drizzly rain moving in from the northwest by afternoon and into the evening. Elsewhere: Dry and light winds through the day, but many regions starting off cloudy before the cloud disperses.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Wind and drizzly rain increasing through the day and into evening

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 19 June, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 20mph at dawn, increasing hour by hour to southwesterly 30-40mph in the afternoon. Risk 50mph far north later. Easing near Skye from late evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Increasingly arduous as the day progresses with significant buffeting developing. Marked wind chill in the afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain developing from the northwest Mostly dry in the morning but chance of an odd spot of light rain coming in from the west. Patches of rain or drizzle edging in through the second half of the day onto western hills, more persistent by evening in coastal regions and Skye.
Cloud on the hills?	Lowering onto western hills. Hills may well be clear for many hours, or all day in the east. However, increasingly cloud capping western tops from midday onwards. Will lower later down to 700m near west coast, or lower by evening on Skye, as drizzly rain arrives.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70% becoming 40% near west coast
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Hazy sun for a time, but cloud layers will become denser through the day. Visibility mostly excellent, becoming poorer toward west coast.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4 lifting to 6C but feeling as cold as -5C in the afternoon wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 20 June	Friday 21 June
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 20 to 30mph, strongest on Skye. Your balance may be affected at times, especially during sudden gusts in coastal regions and on Skye. Marked wind chill at times.	Forecast detail uncertain. South or southwesterly 20 to 30mph, risk 40mph on the Cuillin in the morning. Tending to ease. Blustery conditions may affect your balance at times. Marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Feeling damp in the cloud, rain later Light drizzle in the morning in west coastal regions turning to rain in the afternoon, heaviest on Skye. Day may remain mostly or entirely dry Sutherland northwards.	Risk of rain on and off Pulses of rain on and off through the day. May become heavy and persistent for a time, especially on and near Skye. Small chance it may remain mostly dry with rain not amounting to very much.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive near west coast Widespread cloud, down to lower slopes, for much of the day near west-coastal regions. Well inland from west coast: Cloud base rising soon clearing many summits.	Probably extensive Likely extensive cloud from mid-slopes up will lower during rain. May reach the lowest slopes if heavy, persistent rain arrives. Breaks most likely in far north and also well away from west coast. If it stays dry breaks will be common.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20% west; 60% east	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun. Good or excellent visibility inland.	Little or no sun near the west coast. Patchy sunshine possible elsewhere. Good visibility when not in cloud or rain.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	7C but feeling below freezing in the wind. Ben Wyvis 9C. Above the summits.	7C. Feeling below freezing in the wind. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 20 June, 2024

Mixed conditions late this week into the weekend as fronts drift in from the Atlantic. Occasional rain and areas of low cloud concentrated over western mountains. Wind mostly light and temperatures mild into the weekend. High pressure expanding back in from the southwest by Sunday onward brings a good amount of dry weather for the week ahead. However, still some weak fronts drifting over northern Scotland on westerly breezes which would bring cloudier days with some light rain mainly in the west. Generally warm for most places, but some cooler days for northern Scotland.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Tuesday, 18 June, 2024

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