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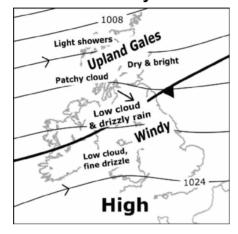
The Northwest Highlands

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 Saturday, 28 June, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 28 June, 2025

Southwesterly winds gale force across Scottish mountains and highest tops in northern England. Light showers northwest Scotland, variable cloud over western tops, brighter eastwards. A weakening front slips slowly south with drizzly rain lingering for Lake District. Low cloud persists for western England & Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Severe gales over tops. Light showers, cloudier west.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 28 June, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 50+mph much of the day, very strong gusts over northern tops, up to 60mph. May ease somewhat south later.	
Effect of wind on you?	Beware difficult conditions - gusts may pick you up and carry you a short distance. Significant wind chill.	
How wet?	Brief light showers	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Substantially dry - drizzly showers drift onto the Cuillin and coastal slopes north to Ullapool.	
	Rather wet underfoot in west following previous rain, fast-flowing streams.	
Cloud on the hills?	Breaks to tops forming, best east/north	
	Fairly extensive over high areas at dawn, patches drifting over coastal slopes towards 900m, lower Skye. Cloud will lift and break, patches coming and going above 1000m. Skye and nearby high tops may struggle to clear.	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Becoming 70%, 40% Skye and nearby	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun becoming more frequent, best inland and on lower slopes. Excellent visibility though hazy near coast.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 or 7C much of the day. Ben Wyvis and nearby mountains may be a degree warmer. Feeling as cold as -8C in the wind.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits	

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The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 29 June	Monday 30 June
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	From dawn, westerly 35-45mph strongest north. Shifting southwesterly and easing to 20-25mph. Increasing again later in day. Affecting comfortable walking on exposed terrain early morning, becoming smaller particularly inland. Deteriorating later.	South to southwesterly 35 to 50mph; powerful gusts 60mph through high passes and to some lower elevations in west. Difficult walking conditions, frequent buffeting, mobility challenging on exposed ridges. Gusts may knock you over.
How wet?	Substantially dry, then evening rain	Risk heavy rain developing
(Precipitation and its impact)	Odd spots of rain onto Skye and nearby hills. Increasing risk of rain setting into Skye/Wester Ross into evening, pushing northwards with heavy spots toward west coast. Little further eastwards.	Spots of rain from high cloud, local bursts of rain forming. More frequent rain likely on and near Skye. Increasing risk more widespread rain developing, heavy in west, possible thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Inland tops often clear until later	Lowest and most persistent Skye
	High terrain of coastal hills and Skye often covered, likely drifting down to middle slopes of the Cuillin, lowering later. More patchy and mostly above 1000m further north/east, often clearing tops for a time; may fill in by evening.	Risk persistent very low cloud Skye, particularly southern Cuillin. Elsewhere, some varied cloud banks, mostly western mountains, filling in and lowering where rain develops.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20% coasts near Skye, 70% north/east.	10% Skye, 50% elsewhere.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine through high cloud; cloud fills in from the south later. Very good visibility inland, some coastal haze.	An array of high cloud largely obscuring the sun. Visibility good, but hazier near coast, Skye may remain murky, especially south.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5 or 6C (feeling at or below freezing in early wind), beginning to rise from south afternoon, reaching 11C evening onward.	11C where in cloud in west, up to local 16C Easter Ross; humid. Likely to drop considerably evening-night, toward 4C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 29 June, 2025

Strong south to southwesterly winds draw warm and very humid air across all areas during the next few days, hot toward the Peak District and Wales. Drizzle and low cloud near west coasts, then a frontal system toward northwest Scotland will eventually make progress eastwards, bringing bursts of rain later Monday into Tuesday, followed by a sharp drop of temperature, back below 5C for a time over Scottish high tops. Risk of scattered thundery showers Tuesday-Wednesday. High pressure is expected to rebuild from the south later in the week bringing fine and warmer conditions for many. Uncertainty further ahead as weather patterns become slow-moving and winds often lighter.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Friday, 27 June, 2025

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