

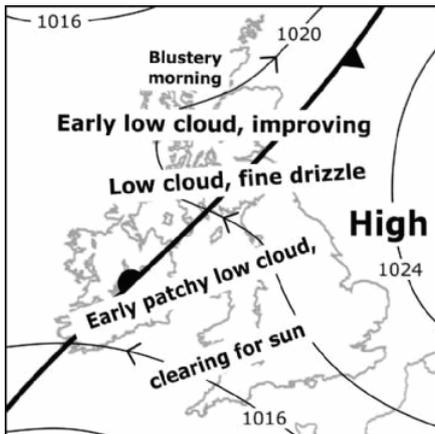
The Northwest Highlands

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, 18 March, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 18 March, 2026

Patchy low cloud across many hills early, lifting and fading, particularly away from west coasts; sun breaking out. A weak front lingers over south Scotland, maintaining low cloud and some light spotty drizzle. Light wind, though a blustery morning in the north Scottish highlands; breezy in south Wales too.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Spotty light rain Skye, most hills dry; blustery north early

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 18 March, 2026

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Southwesterly 25-40mph early, lowest speed south; pre-dawn wind in the north up to 50mph from overnight. Easing and trending westerly, 15-25mph, or lower southern mountain groups.</p> <p>Starting arduous with considerable buffeting and significant wind chill in exposure, mostly notably in the north. Effects gradually easing to fairly small.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Some spots of light rain in the morning near the west coast</p> <p>A few light patches of rain affecting west coastal hills, falling as snow flurries from 800m up at first, the snowfall level rising. These will soon die out.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Banks on high southern terrain, occasionally northward too</p> <p>Skye and nearby west coast slopes often in cloud above 800-900m, lowering during rain to around 700m. A few patches will drift up the west coast and inland too, but staying well broken, largely above 900m.</p> <p>40% Skye and nearby, to 70% inland</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Mostly sunny, more of a patchwork on southern and coastal areas, some high cloud weakens the sunshine too.</p> <p>Very good visibility.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>1C, lifting to 3C. Overnight, northern Munros drop back towards freezing, southern mountain groups only drop a degree.</p> <p>Feeling like -10 to -13C in strongest wind early in the day.</p> <p>900-1000m from dawn, lifting to or above the high tops.</p>

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 19 March	Friday 20 March
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Variable 10mph or less Skye. Early in the north, gusty westerly 10-15mph, though easing. Negligible.	Southwesterly 20 to 25mph, may become gusty 30mph+ near some west coastal tops. Fairly small, but may start to affect ease of movement and balance on some exposed western ridges. Marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No precipitation expected	Precipitation rare if any Chance of a little fine drizzle at times near to west coast.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Low and middle cloud early, mostly clearing Dawn fog in the glens, ragged banks up to 700-800m, which may be in thicker layers along the coast (summits likely start clear). Cloud lifts after sunrise, mostly dissipating through morning, a few banks occasionally drifting over the high northern Munros. Rising to 80%	Possible west coast cloud Banks of cloud may drift onto west coastal aspects in places. Otherwise patchy fog in glens at first lifting briefly into patchy cloud on some slopes, then largely dispersing. 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny though some high cloud around. Excellent visibility.	Sunshine best away from west coast. Visibility very good many areas, may be hazier in west.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	1 or 2C, rising up to 5C south of Ullapool, staying cooler to the north. May just graze highest tops near and north of Ullapool early, will lift above all summits with time.	Around 6C, some cooler spots at first, then some slightly warmer spots by afternoon. Above the summits, but slight frost inland glens and some sheltered higher areas at dawn.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 19 March, 2026

Fairly widely settled conditions across the country later this week. Some cloud and spotty light rain lingers in north England/south Scotland for a few days, elsewhere becoming mostly sunny; valley fog in many lowland areas early, lifting and dissipating after sunrise for clear hills. Generally milder temperatures and light wind but the occasional stronger gust. The weekend is anticipated to be settled as well, with a mix of cloud and sun, early low cloud lifting and clearing many mountains, only occasional spots of rain in the far northwest of Scotland. A spell of more unsettled weather expected next week, with stronger wind, precipitation, and colder temperatures.

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