

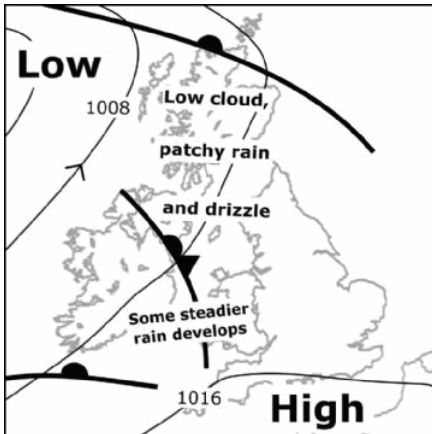
# The Northwest Highlands

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 Tuesday, 16 June, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 16 June, 2026**

Damp southerly air will cloak many hills in low cloud, plus drizzle or a little rain. Highest cloud bases and best chance for breaks further northward. Moderate winds, more blustery near west coasts, strengthening for Wales where frequent rain arriving.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Breezy west. Damp with low cloud Skye, drier northeast.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 16 June, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southeast then southerly 20 to 25mph, strongest over west coastal mountains, sometimes gusts 30mph Skye, more persistent in afternoon.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking impeded in exposure near west coast, particularly Skye during afternoon; notable wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Patchy rain, most common Skye</b> Bands of patchy rain slip northeast in morning. Frequently damp all day around Skye. Driest hills Ben Wyvis to east of Ullapool. Rain becomes more persistent south and west for a few hours toward evening, some heavier.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Fairly extensive, some breaks</b> Shrouding most Munros to middle slopes early in day, most extensive south and Skye. Some improvement for a few afternoon hours, bases approach 800-900m with a few breaks towards the north, but then returning more extensively late in the day, lowest Skye.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>10% on and near Skye, 30% north/east.</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Mostly cloudy, a few brighter glimpses afternoon. Variable visibility, often poor on high terrain in fog but improving out of cloud.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	7 or 8C, little change in west, locally reaching 9 or 10C east and north. Feeling near freezing in strongest wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 17 June	Thursday 18 June
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	South-southwesterly 25 to 35mph, tending to rise; strongest west coastal mountains, gusts over 40mph in exposure. <b>Strenuous walking over high terrain particularly nearer to west coast, frequent buffeting on Cuillin affecting balance.</b>	South-southwesterly 20 to 30mph, at times 35mph Skye and nearby coastal tops. Risk strengthening into night. <b>Starting to affect comfortable walking, in places some buffeting on exposed western ridges, particularly Cuillin.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain on and off</b> Rain most frequent over western areas, particularly Skye, drizzle mixed with some showery rain. Odd heavier bursts may form inland and in north in afternoon.	<b>Patchy rain and drizzle</b> Most frequently damp around Skye and coastal hills to Wester Ross. Pulses of steadier rain, more scattered northwards, an odd burst of rain possible.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Fairly extensive, lowest west</b>  Covering hills around Skye to Wester Ross much of the day above 700-800m, for periods to 500m or lower in rain near coast. Higher bases Ben Wyvis and inland north from Ullapool, some breaks form.	<b>Fairly extensive, lowest Skye</b>  Covering hills around Skye and nearby coast most or all day to mid-slopes. Often capping many tops elsewhere, but occasional breaks above 900m in north.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mostly east. Visibility good where dry and below cloud, mistier for periods around Skye.	Generally cloudy, locally brighter toward east coasts. Misty around Skye, some better visibility north and east, good below cloud.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b> <b>Freezing Level</b>	7 or 8C, local 10C in east afternoon. Feeling just below freezing directly in wind.  Above the summits.	7C near west coast, little change all day. Rising to 9 or 10C inland and east. Feeling near 0C in stronger wind.  Above the summits.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 17 June, 2026**

Humid southwesterly winds continue to prevail later this week, likely reaching gale-force over hills for a period Thursday into Friday, soonest in Wales. Periods of rain, some heavy, mixed with drizzle and low cloud most persistent in the west. More uncertainty of day-to-day detail in the extended range, but in general a variable southwesterly pattern continues; rain and low cloud common in western Scotland into next week. Some warmer days, drier more often England and Wales.

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