

The Northwest Highlands

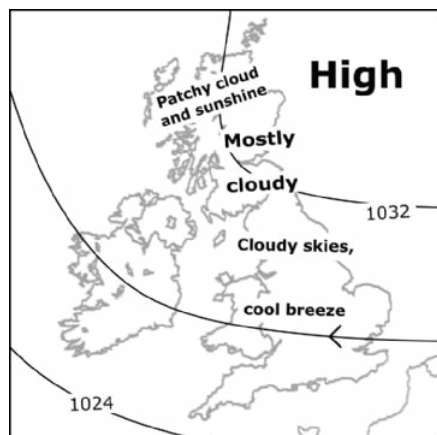
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Monday, 17 March, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 March, 2025

Staying near freezing on higher tops. Light winds for the Highlands, a chilly easterly breeze further south. Generally dry but rather cloudy, although much cloud lifting above the hills. Best sunshine toward the north and northwest of Scotland, also nearer western coasts in England and Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Chilly, but light winds and dry with sunshine.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 17 March, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Variable, less than 10mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No precipitation expected
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly very little Scattered morning cloud patches over high tops, some bases reaching down to 900m on eastern slopes. Bases rising and many summits clear in the afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Frequent sun, becoming extensive. Visibility excellent or superb.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1C, rising towards 3C western areas
Freezing Level	1000m or higher, some variability.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 18 March	Wednesday 19 March
How windy? (On the Munros)	Variable, less than 10mph.	Southerly or variable, 5 to 10mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible.	Negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No precipitation expected	No precipitation expected
Cloud on the hills?	Little to none Patchy mist in valley bottoms in the morning, some isolated clouds over high tops too. All clearing for cloud-free hills.	Any early patches clearing
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Above 90%	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Widespread sunshine. Superb visibility.	Sunshine and thin high cloud. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Around 0C, most areas rising a degree or two.	2C, rising slightly higher by afternoon on south-facing slopes.
Freezing Level	Poorly defined. Frosts at dawn for some sheltered slopes and glens, rising above the summits.	Slight frost many inland glens and sheltered higher areas at first. Otherwise just above freezing up to highest tops.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 18 March, 2025**

High pressure persists, maintaining dry conditions during this week. East to southeasterly winds will prevail, ushering in milder air from southern Europe with time - rising above freezing to highest summits into midweek. Cloud breaking up to offer sunnier skies more widely, but clear skies overnight will bring frosty dawns to many valleys and glens for several more nights ahead. By the end of this week, lowering pressure from Biscay will introduce an increasing risk of showery rain, soonest for Wales. Pressure may remain fairly high to the north, resulting in little rain for Scotland in the extended outlook. Late March may draw in some chillier air from the north once again.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Sunday, 16 March, 2025

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