

# The Northwest Highlands

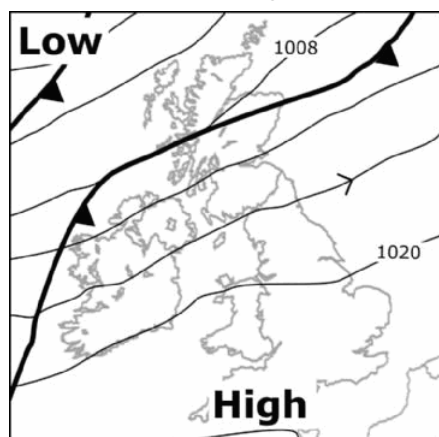
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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## General Summary for Thursday, 27 March, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 27 March, 2025

Widespread upland severe gales and rain across Scotland - although breaks in the rain some eastern and far northern areas (sometimes snow higher tops far north). South into England and Wales, less windy, particularly morning and away from hills open to the sea to the southwest, very little if any rain.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland severe gales. Rain setting in increasingly widely.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 27 March, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southwesterly 45 to 55mph, particularly afternoon when 60mph near Skye and higher mountains elsewhere.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Challenging conditions, balance often affected on higher terrain, frequent considerable buffeting. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain most of the day, sleet tops at times</b> Morning: A lull following overnight rain, although near Skye may well continue at least intermittently. Afternoon: Increasingly wet; often heavy near Skye, less so elsewhere. Mainly far north, precipitation intermittently snow above 900-1050m.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Increasingly extensive</b> Near Skye - as far inland as Kintail: Persistent fog, rare breaks above 500m. Elsewhere: cloud base often 600 to 900m, but tending to lower as rain sets in afternoon.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Almost nil near Skye; 40% later 20% elsewhere</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Any weak patchy sun giving way to thickening cloud. Visibility persistently poor near Skye and in rain elsewhere; otherwise hazy.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	0C at times mainly Sutherland; otherwise 2C. Feeling like -15C where exposed to the wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	900m at times, mainly Sutherland; otherwise 1100m or above.

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 28 March	Saturday 29 March
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Westerly 45mph, squally near showers.  <b>Significant wind chill. Frequent buffeting, especially near precipitation where walking often difficult.</b>	Increasingly windy after a morning lull - westerly around 25mph. Into afternoon southwest 40 to perhaps near Skye 60mph. <b>Anticipate walking becoming very difficult and wind chill severe, particularly near Skye into afternoon.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Frequent hail and snow, risk lightning</b> Hail and snow showers all day, isolated thunder. May in Sutherland and later Wester Ross deteriorate afternoon as snow becomes constant for a couple of hours. Precipitation mostly rain below 500m.	<b>Increasingly wet</b> Most or all morning: Risk of a few showers. Middle of day onwards: Increasingly wet, particularly near Skye where rain rarely ceasing. Expect snow above 700 to later 1000m.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>           <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Varied cloud base; sometimes clearing to higher tops. Later widespread north.</b>  Cloud base changing rapidly, but rarely clearing above 800m (650m near the coast) and patches below 450m near precipitation. Risk fog filling in above 400m in the afternoon.  <b>10%</b>	<b>Extensive; especially near Skye.</b>  Breaks to 800 to 1000m particularly well inland by late morning. Then deteriorating as near Skye cloud fills in across the hills whilst elsewhere initially most cloud above 750m - but especially near coast here too eventually forming on lower slopes.  <b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief bursts of sun, mainly well inland. Hazy and visibility very poor or appalling in precipitation.	Little or no sunshine. Excellent visibility before becoming poor in precipitation, extensively so near Skye, and eventually near all western hills.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	-1C. Will feel as cold as minus 15C directly in the wind.  800m.	-1C rising to 1C. Will feel as cold as minus 14C directly in the wind.  750m rising to 1050m.

## Planning Outlook

## All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 28 March, 2025

Frequently windy with intermittent rain (or widely snow and hail showers on Friday) until early next week. Pressure is then likely to build markedly over and east of Britain, bringing the return of dry and sometimes warm and sunny weather for much of next week.

## Forecast issued at 14:33 on Wednesday, 26 March, 2025

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