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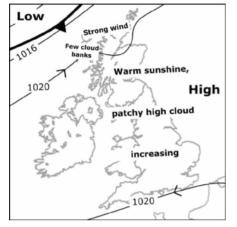
The Northwest Highlands

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 Friday, 9 May, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 9 May, 2025

In Scotland, thin mist in the glens and isolated cloud caps over highest tops at dawn will soon clear for cloud free hills. Isolated low morning fog in eastern valleys of England and Wales as well, also soon clearing. A patchwork of sun for most as high fair-weather cloud builds, feeling warm in direct sun. Mostly light winds.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Dry with patchy high cloud; a brisk breeze north

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 9 May, 2025

| How windy? (On the Munros) | Southwesterly 15 to 25mph, strongest toward the north and along the coast. Speeds over tops of the far north may reach 35mph at times. | |
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| Effect of wind on you? | Walking starting to be impeded. Anticipate stability challenges on exposed ridges in the far northwest. Feeling chilly. | |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | No rain | |
| Cloud on the hills? | Little or none | |
| | Possibility of patchy cloud drifting onto coastal slopes on and around Skye. Thin local mists in inland glens at dawn as well soon disperse. | |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | 90% | |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Sunshine and patchy fair-weather cloud. Visibility excellent. | |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | 6C at dawn, warming only a degree along the west coast. Warming to 10C well inland and east in the afternoon. Feeling near freezing in the wind. | |
| Freezing Level | Above the summits | |

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The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

| | Saturday 10 May | Sunday 11 May |
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| How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on | Southwesterly 15 to 25mph, strongest west coastal mountains. May gust 30mph at times, notably at dawn. Blustery over exposed coastal ridges, | Southwesterly 20-30mph, nearer 35mph over high tops in the morning. Some lighter winds inland. Walking starting to be impeded, stability |
| you? | may affect balance in places. Fairly small further inland and eastwards. | challenged on exposed high terrain. Feeling chilly in the wind. |
| How wet? | Occasional light rain | Coastal rain, drifting inland after noon |
| (Precipitation and its impact) | Afternoon spots of light rain from high cloud, mostly western mountains. | Rain on and off along the coast and Skye, becoming persistent for a few hours after noon and drifting inland. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Mostly around Skye | Intermittent over coastal high terrain |
| | At dawn, patchy cloud banks near to west coast, most likely on the Cuillin, perhaps to mid-slopes southern areas. Most will dissipate by late morning. Away from the west coast, most mountains may well stay clear. | Cloud frequently shrouding the Cuillin ridge from mid-slopes upward. Intermittent cloud banks drift over high coastal terrain through the day, only occasionally forming on high terrain inland. |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | 70%, rising to above 90% | 30% Skye, 50% coast, 70% inland |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Mostly sunny, some variable high cloud in the west at times weakening sun. Visibility excellent, but locally may be mistier Skye. | Glimpses of sun at dawn, best in the far east, becoming overcast by midday. Visibility excellent, becoming poor in rain. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | 6 to 8C all day nearest west coast. Inland 5C rising to 10C by afternoon. | 6 or 7C, some local spots near the coast a degree cooler. Only a slight rise inland. Feeling below freezing in highest wind. |
| | | Above the summits |

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 10 May, 2025

Low pressure south and west of the British Isles will facilitate bursts of rain into Wales though the weekend into next week. High pressure to the east keeps most eastern areas settled during this time. The continental wind track will keep most cloud above the summits, with eastern areas often sunny. Generally settled conditions prevail next week as high pressure reestablishes just north of the British Isles, though odd bursts of rain come and go in Wales. A mix of cloud and sun with light winds, generally easterly though variable. Slight frosts at dawn in sheltered spots, mostly warm by day. Very dry ground conditions, beware high risk of fire.

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