

# The Northwest Highlands

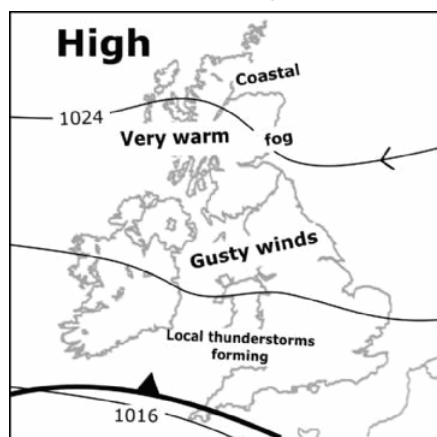
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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## General Summary for Tuesday, 13 May, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 13 May, 2025

Strong warm sunshine for most places, very warm in western Scotland; beware sunburn and dehydration. Early fog draped around the north and east of Scotland and eastern Pennines, higher terrain above the fog, which will disperse back toward the North Sea coast. Gusty easterly winds England & Wales, locally southern Scotland.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Warm sunshine on hills, fog over the sea, esp N/E. Light wind.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 13 May, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Variable or easterly, 10mph or less. Increasing a little into evening 10-15mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Negligible</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Low risk a local shower</b> An isolated showery burst may form in inland areas around Kintail later in the afternoon or early evening.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Hills clear; sea fog most persistent north/east.</b> The hills widely clear, but from dawn, sea fog confined to lowest slopes draped around most coastal areas, locally further inland in north, retreating back to coast into middle of day, but may linger over the North Sea. By evening into night, low cloud/fog rolls back inland extensively from the northeast.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Practically certain</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensive strong sunshine, thin high cloud slips in from the north. Excellent visibility, but persistently misty at low levels around some coastal fringes.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	12C from dawn rising to 15C, slightly cooler eastern hills from Ben Hope to Ben Wyvis, but local warmer spots around Wester Ross/Skye. Reaching 25C during afternoon in western glens.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 14 May	Thursday 15 May
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Easterly or variable 10-15mph or less in places, especially toward Skye. Up to 20mph northern tops near Ben Hope. <b>Mostly small</b>	Easterly 10 to 20mph, likely strongest toward far north, gusty 25mph in places. <b>Fairly small</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain very unlikely</b> Remote chance of an isolated shower by late afternoon toward the west.	<b>No rain expected</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>   <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Early misty low cloud east</b>  Low cloud from North Sea may reach all but west coastal hills from overnight to early morning, fog almost into glens, but terrain above 900m likely above this layer. Patches may drift upslope briefly, but all dispersing through middle of day.  <b>90% (in places above early cloud)</b>	<b>Little if any</b>  Possibly patches on some slopes toward northeast early in day, largely clearing.  <b>Above 90%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Strong sunshine all day west, increasingly widespread. Some thin high cloud. Visibility becoming excellent after early mist or haze lower down.	Extensive strong sunshine. Visibility excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	7C or warmer on some higher slopes from dawn (cooler lower down if in cloud); reaching 10C east, 14C by afternoon west. Above the summits	10C rising to 13C in west, but on hills toward east from Ben Hope to Ben Wyvis staying nearer 8C all day. Above the summits

## Planning Outlook

## All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 14 May, 2025

High pressure persists toward the north of Britain this week and likely continuing through the weekend, bringing more dry, warm and sunny weather. East to northeasterly breezes prevail, gusty at times around some hills, mainly England and Wales. Some coastal fog and low cloud drifting inland from the North Sea will affect eastern areas in the early mornings, but largely dispersing through middle of daytimes. Highest temperatures typically toward the west. Very dry ground conditions, beware high risk of fire.

## Forecast issued at 16:30 on Monday, 12 May, 2025

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