

The Northwest Highlands

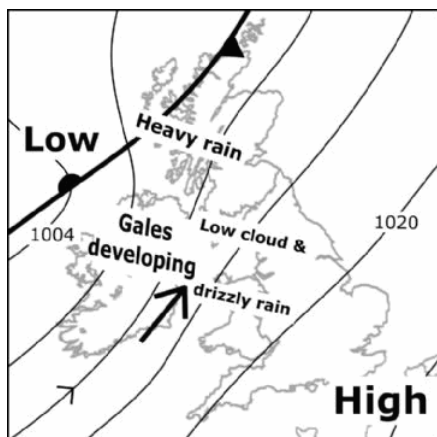
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Thursday, 2 October, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 2 October, 2025

A persistently wet day for western Scotland, increasingly sustained heavy falls setting in. Southerly winds strengthen to become widely gale force over the mountains afternoon into evening. Small amounts of rain elsewhere, but drizzly for all. Low cloud blanketing hills, highest bases north of major hill groups.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Increasingly windy, gales develop. Rain, low cloud persistent west.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 2 October, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly in the range 30 to 50mph, strongest during the second half of the day, then 60mph evening into night.
Effect of wind on you?	Increasingly arduous then difficult conditions with the strongest winds not necessarily on the highest slopes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain later torrential in the west Spells of rain and drizzle, heavy at times and frequent if not constant in the western mainland and Skye where increasingly becomes very heavy or torrential later in the day, continuing evening and night.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, fleeting breaks in north. Extensive low cloud will shroud the hills in fog throughout the day. Whilst bases will vary, generally they will be around 500-800m, down to 300m at times west coast, most persistent over the south Cuillin.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Almost nil on/near Skye, 20% north/east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun Visibility often poor due to rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	9C, fairly humid air, but feeling closer to freezing in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

	Friday 3 October	Saturday 4 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Overnight gales S-SW'ly 40-50mph to dawn; a lull briefly below 25mph, but then rapid increase, into evening 60-80mph. Rapidly changing conditions, from difficult mobility, to fairly benign for several hours, then significant deterioration later in day.	Southwest soon westerly, 60 to 80mph, gusts likely 100mph on higher mountains. Severe conditions, difficult mobility on hills from lower elevations upward. Damaging gusts possible on low ground.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, then drier; heavy rain later Overnight rain easing to showers early morning, becoming drier for a few hours, longest in far north. Later in day, rain developing from the southwest, setting in heavy, particularly on/near Skye. Wet underfoot, streams in spate.	Rain most of the day western areas Persistent heavy rain from before dawn, rain remaining near-constant over western mountains all day, but tending to break up a little, more showery at times. Falling as sleet on highest tops. Expect flooding.
Cloud on the hills?	Breaking to tops mostly inland Varied cloud banks over the hills from dawn, most extensive western areas. Breaks forming to upper slopes, clearing for periods inland/north. Cuillin likely stay often covered, lowering in rain.	Extensive Cloud base varying, but covering most mountains throughout the day, lowest sustained bases near west coast and on Skye, 500-700m. Rare higher breaks.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50%, or 20% Skye.	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun for a time, but high cloud increasingly covering the sky. Visibility very good much of day.	Rare if any brief sun. General haze, poor visibility in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	4 to 6C. Feeling like -5 to -10C where exposed to higher wind speeds early and late. Above the summits	3 or 4C. Wind chill making it feel like -10 to -15C. Just above highest summits.

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 3 October, 2025

Forecast issued at 16:26 on Wednesday, 1 October, 2025

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