

The Northwest Highlands

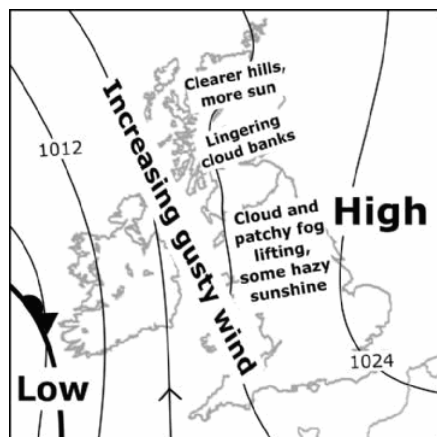
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Saturday, 18 October, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 18 October, 2025

Breezy south-southeasterly winds, strongest and gustiest in west. Areas of low cloud on hill slopes and fog in some valleys from dawn. Cloud tends to rise and break, but persisting on some south-facing hills. Better northwards across the Highlands.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Strengthening wind. Some cloud Skye, many hills clear with sun.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 18 October, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South to southeasterly, tending to increase 20 to 30mph, least wind in far north in the morning. Gusts reach 40mph Skye later in daytime. Increasing further into the night, gusty 35 to in places 45mph, strongest Skye. Becoming more blustery, starting to affect ease of walking and balance on exposed tops and ridges. Deteriorating with stronger winds into night.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Generally dry Occasional local fine drizzle if in cloud on Skye.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Mostly little, patchy cloud Skye Banks of cloud mostly southern areas of the Cuillin above 700-800m. Very patchy cloud elsewhere with hills often clear on mainland, particularly further toward northwest. 50% south Cuillin, to 80% elsewhere.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun Skye, sunnier overall further north, some thin high cloud builds. Visibility good, or very good northern areas, but some haze in west around Skye, improving into afternoon.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	4C rising to 5 or 6C afternoon, but feeling near -5C in the wind, later colder in stronger wind on/near Skye. Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 19 October	Monday 20 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southeasterly, 30 to 45mph, speeds varying, lower later; locally very gusty, including through passes and lower down. Expect blustery conditions, sudden gusty areas affecting balance and comfortable walking. Marked wind chill.	Direction variable, mostly 10mph or less around Skye, Kintail, perhaps more widely. In far north, may be easterly 15-25mph. Likely small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Wettest on Skye, rain spreads north Rain extending in from the southwest, soon fairly persistent around Skye, heavy at times. The far north starts dry for a few hours, rain developing, but may be patchier toward Ullapool. Starting to fade by evening from west.	Local showery rain, greater risk north Patchy overnight rain likely moving away northwards, leaving local slow-moving areas of showery rain, but a fair amount of dry weather. Chance of rain remaining more persistent in far north.
Cloud on the hills?	Persistent Skye, some breaks north Extensive over the hills in rain, most persistent and lowest on Cuillin. Areas toward the coast north from Torridon maintain highest breaks, but in rain develops, cloud cloaking higher areas.	Fairly extensive, local breaks form Banks of cloud at various elevations from lower slopes upward from dawn, some slopes may be between cloud layers for a time. Tending to lift mostly above 600-800m, some higher breaks forming.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10% Skye, up to 40% north mainland.	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Any weak sun in north through a veil of high cloud soon widely overcast. Visibility good if dry, some haze, poor in rain, particularly around Skye.	Largely cloudy, some weak sun may occasionally break through. Areas of mist may be widespread in morning, locally improving to good visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5 or 6C, small change with added height. Feeling like -5 to -8C directly in the wind. Above the summits	6C, little change all day. Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 19 October, 2025

Fronts moving in from the Atlantic by Sunday bring rain, widely setting in heavy for several hours, soonest Wales, here later clearing.

A more unsettled outlook into next week as low pressure dominates with areas of rain and showers, which will vary locally day-to-day. Wind speeds will also vary, but some lulls. Potentially significantly colder later in the week with northerly winds, dropping below freezing on higher mountains, with snow showers especially Scottish Munros.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Friday, 17 October, 2025

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