

The Northwest Highlands

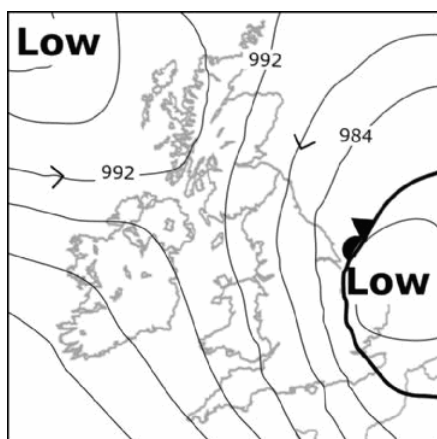
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Thursday, 23 October, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 October, 2025

Areas of rain and strong winds within a large area of low pressure, will circulate across Britain. However, although varied, many mountain areas, particularly mainland Scotland and NW England, between low pressure centres will experience relatively light wind and hardly any rain.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Mostly fine; blustery and perhaps showery near coast.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 23 October, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly, mostly between 10 and 20mph Near the coast, particularly Skye and Wester Ross, nearer 20 to perhaps 30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly fairly small. There may be significant buffeting higher up near the coast.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Extensively dry; risk coastal showers Risk of showers Skye and mainland west coast. Hail higher slopes and snow above 900m.
Cloud on the hills?	Clearing most, perhaps nearly all summits Skye and nearby mainland coast north to western slopes in Wester Ross: Cloud base varying between around 500m near precipitation to otherwise 750-900m. Elsewhere: Patches from lowest slopes up from dawn, but by late morning, cloud broken and mostly above 1000m. May lower toward 600m Sutherland later from north.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20% Ciullin; 70% by late morning elsewhere
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Periods of sunshine; particularly western mainland mountains. Visibility excellent or perhaps superb.
How Cold? (at 900m)	2C.
Freezing Level	1100m or above.

	Friday 24 October	Saturday 25 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northerly 20 to 35mph at first, strengthening with peak winds 45 to 60mph later in day, maybe stronger north. Be prepared for deteriorating conditions with arduous becoming difficult conditions with significant, later severe, wind chill.	North to northwesterly 35 to 55mph, perhaps even stronger for periods northern hills. Be prepared for arduous if not difficult conditions with significant, perhaps even severe, wind chill and buffeting.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent precipitation, snow tops. Frequent precipitation, perhaps even constant precipitation much of the day. Falling as snow over the tops where whiteout conditions may prevail.	Frequent showers, snow upper slopes. Frequent showers moving in on the northerly winds. Snow falling as low as 500-600m at first, but level to which snow falls will rise to 800-900m.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Extensive Whilst bases will vary, be prepared for poor conditions with extensive hill fog. Bases widely around 500-700m, but perhaps lower at times in the north. 20%	Extensive higher slopes Fairly extensive coverage across higher slopes above 700-900m, perhaps down to 500m Ben Hope to Ben Wyvis. Best breaks southern areas. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast. Visibility frequently poor due to rain, very poor or at times whiteout, in summit snow.	Glimpses of sun, mainly in the south. Visibility ranging from very good to poor or very poor as showers come and go.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	2C, but lowering to 0C in the north later. Feeling closer to -15C in the strongest winds as they pick up later in day. Close to highest tops, lower further to 900m in north later.	-2C lifting to 0C, but feeling closer to -15C in the wind. 700m lifting to 900m

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 24 October, 2025

A cold weekend; higher summits close to freezing point in England and Wales and below in Scotland. Substantially dry on many mountains but areas of frequent showers (hail and snow), mainly NW and W Highlands (where wind close to gale on Saturday) and north and west Wales. Some uncertainty for Sunday afternoon with threat of rain setting in on many western mountains - ahead of a less cold but often windy and wet few days.

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