

# The Northwest Highlands

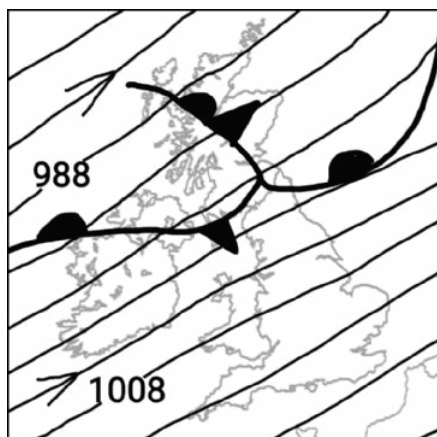
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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## General Summary for Monday, 3 November, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 3 November, 2025

Gale to, in places, severe gale force south-westerlies will drive in very extensive low cloud across the hills and rainfall. The rain will be near constant across western mountains, and on and off across eastern areas. Significant wind chill.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Severe south-westerly gales bringing frequent rainfall and extensive hill fog.

## Detailed Forecast for Monday, 3 November, 2025

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| <b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>                 | Southwesterly 50 to 60mph.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>                     | <b>Widely difficult walking - in places any mobility a struggle - significant wind chill.</b>                                                                                                    |
| <b>How wet?</b><br>(Precipitation and its impact) | <b>Frequent rain, nearly constant south</b><br>Almost constant rain, heaviest western mountains south from Wester Ross.<br>Least wet near Ben Wyvis.<br>Very wet underfoot; risk local flooding. |
| <b>Cloud on the hills?</b>                        | <b>Very extensive and low</b><br>Fog persistently shrouding lower slopes up western mountains south from Wester Ross.<br>Some breaks higher up elsewhere, but cloud base rarely above 750m.      |
| <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>               | <b>Almost nil</b>                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Sunshine?</b><br>Air clarity (below cloud)     | Dull and misty; perhaps a few glimpses of weak sun from Ben Wyvis to Ben Hope.<br>Poor visibility though temporary local improvements.                                                           |
| <b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>                        | 7C.<br>Will feel as cold as minus 6C directly in the wind.                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Freezing Level</b>                             | Above the summits                                                                                                                                                                                |

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

|                                                   | <b>Tuesday 4 November</b>                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Wednesday 5 November</b>                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>                 | South to higher up southwesterly 40 to 50mph.                                                                                                                                                            | Expect variable wind directions, but may turn more northeasterly 15 to 25mph later.                                                                                 |
| <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>                     | <b>Continued difficult conditions where exposed on higher areas, where wind chill significant and walking a struggle.</b>                                                                                | <b>Mostly small</b>                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>How wet?</b><br>(Precipitation and its impact) | <b>Frequent or persistent rain.</b><br>Rain or frequent showers most or all day. Very wet underfoot and streams in spate south from Wester Ross. Least rainfall near Ben Wyvis.                          | <b>Rain on and off, may fizzle out.</b><br>Pulses of rain on and off, but may well tend to fizzle out in the afternoon, to just leave scattered patches of drizzle. |
| <b>Cloud on the hills?</b>                        | <b>Very extensive; lowest base near Skye, highest easternmost hills.</b><br>Widely persistent fog above 400 to 600m. North from Ullapool and on more eastern mountains, base mostly 600 to perhaps 900m. | <b>Extensive</b><br>Extensive low cloud shrouding the hills throughout the day. Some local breaks, perhaps between cloud layers.                                    |
| <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>               | <b>10%</b>                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>20%</b>                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Sunshine?</b><br>Air clarity (below cloud)     | Glimpses of sun, mainly lower slopes north from Ullapool and toward Ben Wyvis. Otherwise, mostly dull and misty.                                                                                         | Overcast.<br>Visibility at times poor due to rain.                                                                                                                  |
| <b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>                        | 6C.<br>Will feel as cold as minus 6C directly in the wind.                                                                                                                                               | 5 to 7C                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Freezing Level</b>                             | Above the summits.                                                                                                                                                                                       | Above the summits                                                                                                                                                   |

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 4 November, 2025**

Remaining very unsettled with as a series of deep Atlantic lows, and their associated fronts, continue to cross Britain over the next week to ten days. Frequently windy, with high rainfall, particularly on western mountains (rain at some stage almost daily) and cloud will frequently cover higher areas. Only rarely cold enough for snow higher mountains in Scotland.

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