

The Northwest Highlands

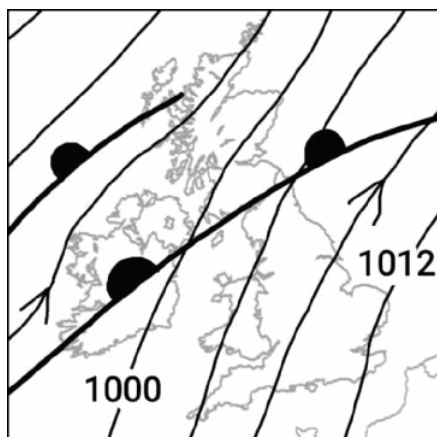
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Tuesday, 4 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 4 November, 2025

Strong to gale-force south to south-westerly winds bringing frequent rainfall and extensive hill fog once more, especially across England and Wales, and into western and southern parts of Scotland. Drier, with the best cloud breaks, towards north Highland and northern Cairngorm NP.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Wet, low cloud west/south. Good breaks north. Gales easing.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 4 November, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	South to higher up southwesterly 40 to perhaps 50mph for a time. Easing down to 25 to 35mph in afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Continued difficult conditions in morning where exposed on higher areas, where wind chill significant and walking a struggle. Easing into afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Wet in west and Skye. Drier in north and east. Rain or frequent showers most or all day into western mountains and Skye. Very wet underfoot and streams in spate south from Wester Ross. Mainly just spits and spots downwind into Ben Hope and Ben Wyvis areas.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive in west and south, good breaks in north. Widely persistent fog in west and south, above 400 to 700m. Up towards Ben Hope and east to Ben Wyvis, bases well broken and mostly confined above 800-900m with clearances likely at times.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10% on and near Skye. 60% toward Ben Hope and Wyvis.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun, mainly lower slopes north from Ullapool and toward Ben Wyvis. Otherwise, mostly dull and misty western mountains Wester Ross southward.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5C. Will feel as cold as minus 6C directly in the wind in morning.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 5 November	Thursday 6 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	Expect variable wind directions, but may turn more northeasterly 15 to 25mph later.	Southerly 25 to 35mph
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small	Blustery, perhaps at times arduous over higher terrain. Marked chill where exposed to the wind.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Early patches of rain, fizzling out. Patches of rain and drizzle on and off early in the day, tending to fizzle out to leave dry conditions, until into the night rain may return from the south.	Early rain, then perhaps mostly dry A band of rain may from overnight may persist into morning, before clearing. Then mostly dry conditions following, though drizzle patches possible.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, local breaks, mainly north. Extensive low cloud shrouding the hills throughout the day. Some local breaks, perhaps between cloud layers.	Widespread, but breaks inland and north. Cloud widespread on the hills from dawn, and remaining so all day toward west coast and down to Knoydart and Skye. Breaks developing inland and in north.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	20% on and near Skye, 60% in north.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast. Visibility at times poor due to rain.	A little sun perhaps should cloud layers thin for a time. Visibility becoming good away from any drizzle, but rather on and near Skye.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5 to 7C	9C
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 5 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. 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.

Forecast issued at 7:20 on Tuesday, 4 November, 2025

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