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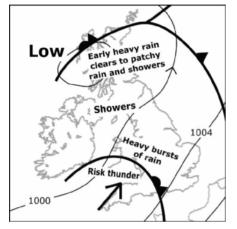
The Northwest Highlands

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, 10 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 10 November, 2025

Heavy rain for much of the Highlands from dawn into the morning, moving northwards, clearing to leave patchy rain, local showers in west; cloud base rising. Some showery rain in the Lakes, drier Pennines. Showers in Wales merging into clusters of heavy rain. Moderate to locally gusty southerly winds.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Rain and low cloud extends north, clears later. Gusty at times.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 10 November, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	East or southeast, then southerly later, 15-20mph, occasional gusty 25mph.	
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but may feel more noticeably blustery on exposed ridges at times; marked wind chill in places.	
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain for several hours Rain soon spreading in from the south around dawn, the far northwest escaping dry for a few hours. Rain fairly persistent, some heavier bursts for a time. Breaking up from the south in the afternoon, leaving showers near Skye.	
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive in rain At first, some tops clear toward the west coast, particularly areas further north. Cloud lowering widely over hills in rain above 600-800m, locally lower in east for a time. Base starting to rise from south later in afternoon.	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%, dropping below 10% in rain.	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	No sun expected; good visibility for a time in northern areas, then widely poor in rain, some improvement from south later.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	4 or 5C. Feeling below freezing if exposed to wind.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits	

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The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 11 November	Wednesday 12 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly then SE or E'ly, speeds varied, 15 to 30mph, lowest for longest in north, but gusty around Skye, later widely.	Speed and direction may vary considerably, possibly a lull. Risk abruptly northeasterly 30-40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small some slopes, but gusty spots will start to affect comfortable walking and balance, greatest risk on Cuillin.	Beware of changing conditions, potentially significant wind chill and considerable buffeting developing.
How wet?	Rain developing Skye to Kintail	Widespread rain, snow later on tops
(Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy light showers west, then rain pushing in from the south likely to reach areas near Skye and Great Glen, becoming persistent later in day. The far north likely dry most or all daylight.	Rain fairly persistent widely, intensity varied, in places drizzly, but locally heavier for periods. Likely turning to sleet then snow on northern Munros.
Cloud on the hills?	Breaks north, lower in rain south	Extensive
	Varied patches, but much cloud above the hills especially toward the northwest coastal mountains. Around rain, cloud lowering more widely over hills, bases 600-800m Skye to Kintail.	Shrouding the mountains widely, banks of cloud at varied elevations, in places to some lower slopes.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% near Skye, to 60% far northwest.	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Some weak sun mainly morning in north, giving way to more overcast skies. Visibility mostly good, reducing in rain, becoming poor Skye.	Overcast and dull. Visibility widely poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C, then by late afternoon 5C, into evening 7C; only small fall with height. Feeling like -5C if in the stronger wind.	3C, but dropping to 0C from north. Feeling like -5C to risk nearer -10C if exposed to stronger wind.
Freezing Level	Close to highest summits prior to dawn, soon well above the tops.	Lowering from the north - some uncertainty of timing - to 800-1000m, possibly lower toward evening.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 11 November, 2025

Unsettled south-southwesterlies through midweek, periods of heavy rain widespread, further flooding for Wales, the Lakes and southwest Scotland. Mountain gales on Tuesday for England, Wales, S & E Scotland. Cooler than recently in Scotland, but still generally mild England and Wales by day and night.

Later in the week, colder air pushes into Scotland, dropping below freezing over the mountains, with some snow over higher terrain in the Highlands on Thursday-Friday; strong to gale force easterly winds develop widely. Colder northeasterly air is expected to become more widespread into the weekend and next week.

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