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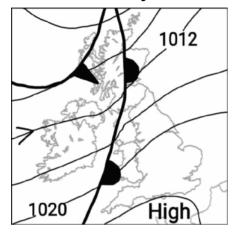
# The Northwest Highlands

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 Wednesday, 26 November, 2025



# British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 26 November, 2025

Scotland: Southerly gales with hill fog extend east to become very extensive with rain and drizzle; transient snow upper slopes. England and Wales: Strengthening southerly winds with hills filling in with low cloud with patchy rain and drizzle.

## **Headline for The Northwest Highlands**

Hill fog becoming extensive from west with rain, transient snow tops. Gales for a time.

# Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 26 November, 2025

| How windy? (On the Munros)                        | South to south-westerly 40 to 55mph morning. Will veer west and ease, perhaps to or below 30mph.  |  |
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| Effect of wind on you?                            | Some easing through day, but extensively difficult walking where exposed with powerful gusts and considerable wind chill.   |  |
| How wet?<br>(Precipitation and its<br>impact)     | Rain and drizzle on and off Rain and drizzle (snow above 800m temporarily). The rain rarely ceasing for several hours western mountains south from Wester Ross, but on and off elsewhere. Generally less wet afternoon.   |  |
| Cloud on the hills?  Chance of cloud free Munros? | Very extensive western mountains, tending to lower elsewhere.  Many higher slopes initially cloud free, perhaps all morning hills toward Ben Hope and Ben Wyvis. Will deteriorate, on western mountains south from Wester Ross, cloud forming from lower slopes up.  Elsewhere, slowly filling in across higher slopes, typically 500 to 800m afternoon.  Dropping to 10%, but 60% for a time in north. |  |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)               | Little or no sunshine: extensively dull and misty as visibility drops in rain.  |  |
| How Cold? (at 900m)                               | -1C rising to 2C through daylight. Will feel as cold as minus 14C directly in the wind.   |  |
| Freezing Level                                    | 800m at first; rising abruptly above the summits, in most areas during morning.   |  |

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#### The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

|   | Thursday 27 November  | Friday 28 November  |
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| How windy? (On the Munros)  Effect of wind on | South to southwesterly, strengthening quickly with height to widely 60mph where exposed on higher summits.  Severe wind chill and walking difficult.  | Southwesterly 50 to 70mph, perhaps topping 80mph for a time western hills in the morning.  Extensively difficult or very difficult                        |
| you?  | Where exposed on higher areas, generally mobility a struggle.   | conditions with severe wind chill and buffeting. Strong gusts into glens.   |
| How wet?<br>(Precipitation and its<br>impact) | Frequent rain, specially near Skye  | Frequent showers, snow higher slopes.   |
|   | Rain and drizzle most of the day - probably easing or clearing only late in day.  Heaviest rain western mountains south from Wester Ross, whilst in Sutherland and toward Ben Wyvis, the rain on and off. | Showers most frequent over Torridon to Skye, snow above 700-900m. A band of showery rain and upland snow may move in from the west across all parts.      |
| Cloud on the hills?                           | All or nearly all mountains persistently foggy.   | Varied, but extensive western tops.   |
|   | Persistent cloud from 200 to 450m western mountains south from Wester Ross. Elsewhere, cloud base between 400m and occasionally 750m. There may be an improvement - but only late in day.                 | Bases varying rapidly, but generally around 700-1000m. Lowest bases in the west where at times in showers patches down to 500m. Best breaks in northeast. |
| Chance of cloud free Munros?                  | 10%   | 30%   |
| Sunshine?<br>Air clarity (below<br>cloud)     | Rare glimpses of weak sun Sutherland and eastern mountains elsewhere.   | Fleeting bursts of sun, mainly in the east.   |
|   | Visibility widely poor.   | Visibility sometimes poor due to rain, or on upper slopes snow.   |
| How Cold? (at<br>900m)                        | 6C. Will feel as cold as minus 9C directly in the wind.   | Around freezing, perhaps just below inland, or just above near west coast.  |
| Freezing Level                                | Above the summits.  | 800-1000m, highest near west coast.   |

## **Planning Outlook**

#### All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 27 November, 2025

A long series of Atlantic lows passing north of or across Britain will bring high rainfall to western mountains together with frequent upland gales (sometimes stormy) and low cloud. Temperatures on higher tops sometimes below freezing point, particularly at the weekend in Scotland, but elsewhere fresh snow transient.

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