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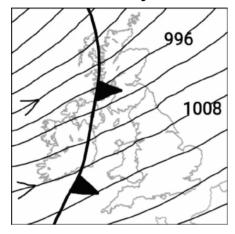
The Northwest Highlands

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 Thursday, 27 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 27 November, 2025

Powerful south to south-westerly winds, bringing widespread upland gales with rain on and off, frequent or constant for western mountains, and persistent fog across the hills. Later a cold front will move in, clearing to squally showers Scotland around dusk.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Gales or severe gales with severe wind chill. Frequent rain and extensive hill fog.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 27 November, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly, strengthening quickly with height to widely 60mph where exposed on higher summits. May exceed 70mph west coast later.	
Effect of wind on you?	Severe wind chill and walking difficult or very difficult later. Where exposed on higher areas, generally mobility a struggle.	
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent rain, specially near Skye Rain and drizzle most of the day - clearing to squally showers from dusk on passage of cold front, with snow returning to tops. Heaviest rain western mountains south from Wester Ross, whilst in Sutherland and toward Ben Wyvis, the rain on and off.	
Cloud on the hills?	All or nearly all mountains persistently foggy. 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.	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare glimpses of weak sun Sutherland and eastern mountains elsewhere. Visibility widely poor.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	6C. Will feel as cold as minus 9C directly in the wind.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	

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The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 28 November	Saturday 29 November
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 50 to 70mph, perhaps topping 80mph for a time western hills in the morning. Extensively difficult or very difficult conditions with severe wind chill and buffeting. Strong gusts into glens.	Low confidence in forecast: Most likely northerly, 15 to 25mph, may increase to 30 to 35mph through day. Be prepared for significant wind chill in the north wind and some buffeting, which may increase through day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent showers, snow higher slopes. 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.	Scattered snow and hail showers Scattered snow and hail showers, becoming increasingly confined to the north and west coast.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied, but extensive western tops. 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.	Varying, covering tops fairly widely. Cloud cover variable across area, but scope for fairly extensive coverage across the tops above 800-1000m, with the best breaks in the south.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fleeting bursts of sun, mainly in the east. Visibility sometimes poor due to rain, or on upper slopes snow.	A mix of cloud and patchy sun; the latter mostly in the south. Visibility excellent, but poor or very poor in showers.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Around freezing, perhaps just below inland, or just above near west coast.	Around -2C
Freezing Level	800-1000m, highest near west coast.	Around 600m

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 28 November, 2025

Colder over the weekend again, but much uncertainty on the track of a small scale low on Saturday which would bring rain, upland snow and a core of strong winds for a time, most likely England and Wales. Sunday then mostly dry, bright and cold. Next week,. 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. Freeze-thaw cycles, with periods of fresh snow for Scottish hills especially.

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