

The Northwest Highlands

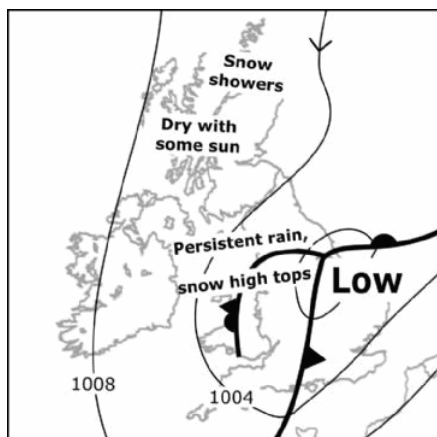
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Saturday, 29 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 29 November, 2025

Snow showers toward northern Scotland, but much of the Highlands will be dry - sunshine and cloud breaks best toward southwest; sub-zero on tops, chilly northerly breeze. England and Wales sees rain fairly widely, snow falling on higher tops; wind very variable, but risk gales developing.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Cold, some snow and hail showers, most common near coasts.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 29 November, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly, 15 to 25mph, tending to increase to 30mph more often afternoon and onward into evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Be prepared for significant wind chill in exposure on higher terrain, feeling blustery, more so later in the day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow and hail showers Scattered snow and hail showers, most frequent in far north and running down the west coast to Skye. Later in day, risk a cluster of more frequent snow over northern hills; rain only lowest slopes.
Cloud on the hills?	Varying, covering tops fairly widely Cloud cover variable across area, but fairly extensive coverage across the tops above 800-1000m, bases lowering briefly in showers near coasts, with the best breaks on mainland south from Torridon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%, to 50% Kintail area.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A mix of cloud and patchy sun; the latter mostly in the south. Visibility excellent, but briefly very poor in showers.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2 or -3C. Feeling like -10C if exposed to stronger wind.
Freezing Level	Varying from 400m at times, up to 600-700m away from showers, mainly coasts. Also frost some inland glens.

	Sunday 30 November	Monday 1 December
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Variable 10-15mph or less. Tending to strengthen southerly, risk 30mph Skye before dusk, widely 50mph into night. Small much of daylight inland, but becoming more blustery in west with time; deteriorating into night.	Uncertain forecast: Southerly - a possible lull after overnight gales, but risk a sudden increase again during day to 50mph. Small perhaps for half the day or more, but beware conditions worsening again to give difficult walking.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Largely dry, isolated flurries Dry most places all day. Local light showers or snow flurries mainly north coast areas in morning. From dusk, light rain likely west, then heavier with hill snow inland into night.	Showers, later risk rain and hill snow Overnight hill snow finishing mainly as rain toward higher slopes, fading before dawn. A few showers near west coast, then risk further persistent rain moving in from south, turning back to snow on tops.
Cloud on the hills?	Local patches, otherwise clear Fragments of cloud around some slopes and corries, some mist possible in the valleys. Greater risk of patchy cloud in north early in day. Later, cloud banks form on south Cuillin as wind increases.	Varied, some breaks away from coast Patchy cloud at various heights from dawn, some breaks toward upper slopes in the morning, best in north/eastern areas, but west coast hills often capped. Lowering widely if rain/snow returns, soonest Skye.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%, later 30% Skye.	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Winter sunshine and some thin high cloud, which thickens with time from west. Visibility excellent.	Sun mostly obscured by high cloud, but likely bright with good visibility in morning; later dull overcast skies, visibility poor in rain/snow.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-1 to -3C, coldest inland, where also small variation with height. Feeling like -10 to -15C later if wind increases. Much inland terrain frozen, frost in glens all day out of sunlight. Only partly frozen below 600m near to coasts.	1 or 2C, later 0C. Feeling like -10C or below if exposed to stronger winds. Rising from before dawn, likely just above freezing up to most higher slopes. Tending to drop later to around 900-1000m.

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 30 November, 2025

After a lull on Sunday, areas of low pressure then circulating to the west and north will dominate the weather pattern into next week, bringing generally unsettled weather. Southwesterly air and briefly milder into Monday, with rain for most places at times, but prolonged heavier rain for England and Wales. Then typically cooler with showery conditions - higher mountains near or just below freezing point likely for the remainder of the week - some snow on tops, occasional hail. Wind speed likely to vary, some squally gusty spells, but also some lulls possible during the week ahead.

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