

The Northwest Highlands

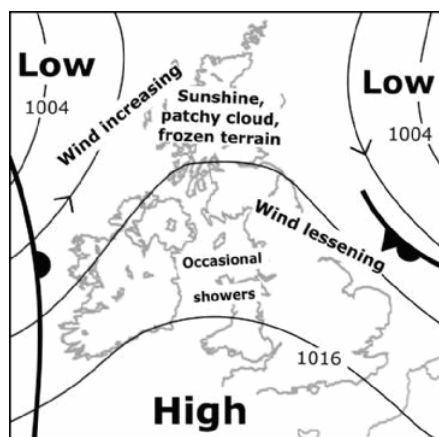
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Sunday, 30 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 30 November, 2025

A fine day for many places, sunshine and broken cloud. Much terrain frozen in the Highlands, where a lull in wind, later strengthening southerlies in west. Strong northwesterlies for England and Wales tend to drop. Some local showers move inland from the Irish Sea. Deteriorating all areas into night.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Light wind, but increasing with time. Sun then high cloud thickens.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 30 November, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Variable 10-15mph or less. Tending to strengthen southerly, reaching 30mph Skye up to dusk, widely increasing to 50mph into night.
Effect of wind on you?	Small much of daylight inland, but becoming more blustery in west with time; deteriorating into night.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Largely dry, isolated flurries; rain/snow into night Dry most places all day. Local light showers or snow flurries mainly north coast areas in morning. From dusk, light rain moves onto Skye, then widely heavier with hill snow inland into night.
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.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%, later 30% Skye.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Winter sunshine and some thin high cloud, which thickens with time from west. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1 to -3C, coldest inland, where also small variation with height. Rising into night. Feeling like -10C if exposed to increasing wind later; colder after dark.
Freezing Level	Much inland terrain frozen, frost in glens all day out of sunlight. Only partly frozen below 600-700m near west coast. Then rising into night eventually to upper slopes.

	Monday 1 December	Tuesday 2 December
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South or southwesterly; overnight gales ease, typically to 25-30mph during daytime, may drop less for periods. Expect blustery conditions over higher mountains, giving marked wind chill in exposure; sometimes smaller effects.	South to southwesterly 25 to 35mph, squally gusts over 40mph west coast hills in showers; tending to strengthen. Affecting comfortable walking and balance on exposed ridges and tops, at times more challenging. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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. Showers into night with hail.	Frequent hail showers Skye Showery bursts most frequent on and near Skye, with hail, at times snow above 900m, risk isolated thunder. Fewer showers inland and north, around Ben Wyvis more often dry.
Cloud on the hills?	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.	Most persistent Skye, breaks north/east Covering higher slopes of the Cuillin most of the day, bases varied 600 to 900m. Wester Ross tops also often covered above 800m, some brief breaks to 1000m. Clearer tops more often north/east.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%	30% west, to 50% north/east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun mostly obscured by high cloud, but likely bright with good visibility in morning; later dull overcast skies, visibility poor in rain/snow.	Occasional sun mostly Sutherland, where visibility often very good. Toward west coast hazier, visibility poor in heavy showers.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	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 after dark to around 900-1000m.	1C. Wind chill feeling around -10C. 1000m

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 1 December, 2025

Areas of low pressure circulating to the west and north will dominate the weather pattern in the week ahead, 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.

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