

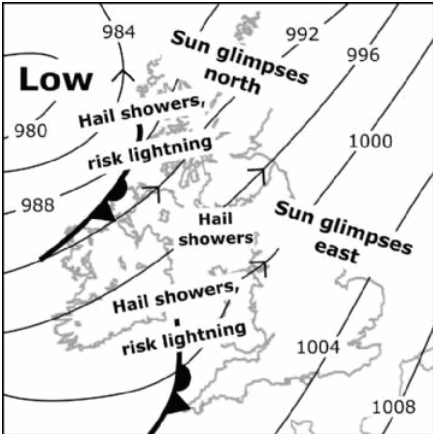
The Northwest Highlands

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 Tuesday, 2 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 2 December, 2025

Hail showers will frequent west coast hills fairly widely; snow on the highest tops with risk of isolated lightning. Drier inland, particularly northeast Scotland where sunny bursts will occur. Chilly, feeling cold in a brisk southwesterly wind; this easing in Wales and south Pennines afternoon.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Hail showers west, frequent Skye; blustery

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 2 December, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South-southwesterly 25-35mph, locally lighter in the far north at dawn. Squally gusts over 40mph west coast hills in showers, reaching 30-40mph more widely later, strongest south and west. Affecting comfortable walking from dawn with balance and stability increasingly challenged; gusts over west coasts tops may require bracing. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	West coast showers, frequent with hail Skye and nearby Frequent showers on and near Skye all day, at times snow above 800m; hail likely with risk isolated thunder. Some showers along the west coast further north too. Some patchy light rain further inland in the morning, though amounting to little.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Most persistent Skye with variable low bases; breaks north/east Covering higher slopes of the Cuillin most of the day, bases varied 500 to 800m. Wester Ross and Kintail tops also often covered above 800m, some brief breaks to 1000m, though will similarly lower in showers. Clearer tops more often north/east, particularly after morning. 20% west, to 50% north/east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun mostly Sutherland, where visibility often excellent. Toward southwest coast hazier, visibility poor in heavy showers.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	0 or 1C. Wind chill feeling around -10 to -12C. 900-1000m.

	Wednesday 3 December	Thursday 4 December
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 30-35mph. Risk stronger winds near the west coast and south, particularly early. Lighter north. Blustery in exposure; balance and stability affected all day south of Ullapool; significant wind chill. Less effects north.	East-southeasterly 15-25mph. Some variability with a risk of stronger winds north, particularly early. Fairly small, though uncomfortable winds may affect northern areas.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain into showers, returning south West coast showers from dawn, further inland from Ullapool southward and merging into broader areas of rain; snow above 800-900m inland. A gradual breaking trend though rain returns later south and west.	Morning patchy rain south Patchy rain on southern areas from early in the day, some patches may push further north for a few hours; high tops to the north see some drizzle for a time. Trending dry except on Skye.
Cloud on the hills? 	Most high terrain with lower banks Fairly extensive over high terrain of the west coast and inland southern areas with lower banks in rain, locally down to 600m or lower. Breaks forming, particularly northeast, though west and south hills seeing fog more widely late in the day.	Variable, mostly high terrain; breaks north High tops south of Ullapool often in cloud with bases to 900-1000m, lower banks forming too; variable and a chance of breaks. Cloud banks at various heights near the east coast as well. Clearest tops in Sutherland.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	20% south to 50% northwest
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Best of sun glimpses in the north and east. Visibility increasingly excellent away from showers, but very poor where in snow.	Mostly overcast, brighter north with some sunny glimpses around Ben Hope. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	1C, locally 0C early in the day. Feeling like -13C in direct strongest wind. 900-1000m	1 to 3C, warmest in the northwest. Mostly just highest tops, though may lower towards 1000m over Kintail for at time.

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 3 December, 2025

Low pressure circulating to the west and north will dominate the weather for the next 7 to 10 days, bringing generally unsettled weather. A brief period of slack pressure on Thursday into Friday will ease winds for a time though patchy rain will linger in several areas. Strong southwesterly winds return over the weekend bringing cloud and rain to many mountains, most persistent on southwestern slopes. Several low pressure systems will continue crossing the British Isles through the week; often showery and cloudy in the west with broader bands of rain regularly passing east. Wind speed likely to vary though often quite strong with risk of gales coming and going. Brighter, drier periods will punctuate the unsettled weather next week but these likely short-lived.

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