

# The Northwest Highlands

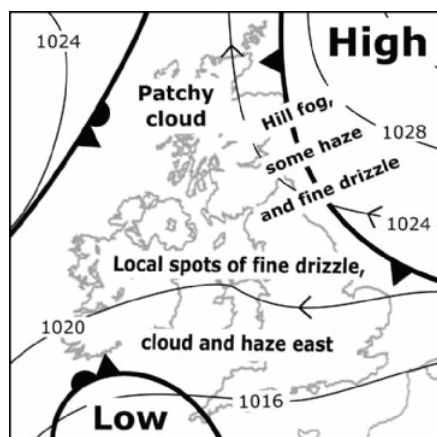
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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## General Summary for Tuesday, 23 December, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 23 December, 2025**

A fairly extensive sheet of cloud cloaks eastern Scotland southward down the Pennines and east Wales; some mist and haze, fine drizzle on eastern slopes. Cloud more broken on slopes and summits near west coasts, substantially dry here. An easterly wind south Pennines and Wales, strengthening into night.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Patchy cloud and light rain, some summits will clear

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 23 December, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	From dawn, 10mph or less, likely southerly though variable, trending westerly with time.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Mostly small.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>A little rain on and off</b> Some patchy light rain here and there but totals will be small, many slopes likely remain dry, best chance of dry weather in the northwest.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Varied cloud banks on high terrain, some breaks</b> Patchy cloud on high terrain, though plenty of higher breaks, including summits, best well inland. During rain bases lower to 900-1000m, most persistent Skye and nearby mountains, some lower banks too including patchy fog in the glens.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Some glimpses of weak sun, best inland. Good visibility but variable as rain comes and goes, some haze east.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	3 to 5C, some variability; little change with added height.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 24 December	Thursday 25 December
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Northeasterly, trending southeasterly with time, some variability, 15mph or less.	Southeasterly 10-15mph, some gustiness.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Mostly small.</b>	<b>Mostly small though gusty at all elevations</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Likely dry</b> Small chance of some odd patches of rain across central/eastern areas in the morning, though may be entirely dry.	<b>No rain expected</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Patches on middle-upper slopes</b>  Patchy cloud clinging to slopes between 800-1000m, will variably come and go for most areas, risk more extensive near the west coast at times. A chance of morning fog in the glens as well.	<b>Many hills clear</b>  Dawn fog in many glens, will linger well into the day where sheltered. Fog may reach up to middle slopes north of Ben Wyvis early in the day, though this tending to thin.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>80% (tops above cloud layer)</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine, best at low elevations, and perhaps highest summits. Very good visibility though a slight haze.	Mostly sunny. Excellent visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	3C at dawn, lowering slightly in southern areas.	1 to 3C, mildest around Ben Hope; slight rise in temperature with height.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.	Above the summits, though some frosts at dawn in the glens.

## Planning Outlook

## All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 24 December, 2025

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be dry: easterly winds are dominant with the strongest winds in England and Wales. Cloud may be fairly sheet-like in the east sometimes, though variably more extensive or broken, best of breaks in western areas. Turning colder too, the coldest air in England and Wales with freezing levels reaching as low as 400-600m in east Wales. Staying slightly warmer in northern Scotland with some inversion conditions likely over higher terrain; frost into glens and poorly defined freezing levels.

High pressure stays put to the north into the weekend, maintaining dry weather, easterly winds, and most cloud in eastern areas. Temperatures will stay chilly.

## Forecast issued at 16:08 on Monday, 22 December, 2025

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