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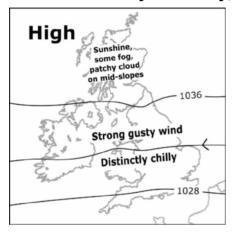
The Northwest Highlands

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 Friday, 26 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 26 December, 2025

Generally dry, apart from chance of odd light showers eastern Scotland. Sunshine over most Scotlish mountains - the tops warmer than glens above an inversion; patchy low-level fog or cloud banks some slopes. Easterly winds remain strong and gusty England and Wales, feeling bitterly cold in exposure despite plenty of sun.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Light wind, sunshine, some patchy cloud, tops largely clear.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 26 December, 2025

| How windy? (On the Munros) | Variable 5 to 10mph or less. Toward and beyond dusk tending to increase northeasterly 15-20mph, nearer 25mph onward into night. | | |
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| Effect of wind on you? | Mostly small during day. | | |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Dry all day | | |
| Cloud on the hills? | Most tops clear, locally above fog or cloud near northwest coast | | |
| | Patchy fog mainly glens or lower slopes, the mountains generally clear. Some cloud banks may drift higher onto coastal slopes mostly areas north of Torridon above 500-700m, higher tops likely above this cloud. | | |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | 80% (higher tops above cloud locally) | | |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Mostly sunny inland and near Skye, some cloud coastal areas. Excellent visibility. Misty in places lower down. | | |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | 0 to 2C, small variation with height inland, some corries and glens stay colder; highest summits up to 4C. | | |
| Freezing Level | Frost in many inland glens, all day out of sunlight; terrain at least partly frozen higher up, but air temperature above freezing on higher tops. | | |

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The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

| | Saturday 27 December | Sunday 28 December |
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| How windy? (On the Munros) | East to northeasterly 20 to 25mph, but local stronger gusts around some slopes, not just highest tops. | North to northeasterly or variable, 10mph or less. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Blustery in places, may start to feel noticeable and giving a distinct chill. | Small |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Rare light precipitation Largely dry; a few brief spots of light rain, or snow grains on some slopes, mainly in the morning; unlikely toward Skye. | Dry all day |
| Cloud on the hills? | Covering some slopes, less in west | Little if any |
| | Banks of cloud mostly between 700 and 1000m, mainly areas from Ben Hope to Ben Wyvis, patchier westward toward Skye; may break up more widely. | Fog patches some glens. Possible thin cloud banks drifting onto coastal slopes in north and west around 600-700m, high tops likely remain clear. |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | 50%, to 70% Skye & Wester Ross | 90% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Patchy sun, most common toward coast near Skye. Visibility excellent away from cloud. | Mostly sunny, partly cloudy coastal areas. Visibility excellent. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | -1 to 2C, coolest in far north; slightly warmer on higher tops above an inversion. Feeling like -5 to -8C in stronger wind. | 3C, inversion conditions - hills warmer than lower slopes all day - up to 5C highest summits. |
| Freezing Level | Varied partly frozen terrain, including frost inland glens, but above freezing on most west coastal slopes and some tops. | Frost in glens and lower slopes, also in some upland hollows and corries, all day out of sunlight; above freezing on tops. |

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 27 December, 2025

Dry weather continues into the weekend as a strong area of high pressure resides near or north of Scotland. Inversion conditions Scotlish mountains, high tops generally above freezing and above most patchy cloud, some frost and fog in glens. Gusty east-northeasterly wind increasing for Scotland by Saturday, easing again for Sunday. Strong and gusty winds prevail for England and Wales, often cloudy, a little light rain occasionally Pennines; some sun toward west.

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