

The Northwest Highlands

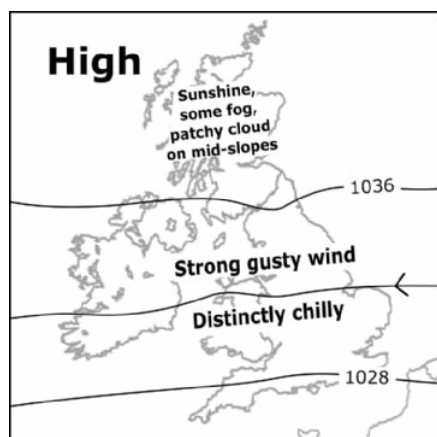
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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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 for all areas, sunshine over most Scottish mountains - 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) Effect of wind on you?	Variable 5 to 10mph or less. Toward and beyond dusk tending to increase northeasterly 15-20mph, nearer 25mph onward into night. Mostly small during day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Dry all day
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	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. 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) Freezing Level	0 to 2C, small variation with height inland, some corries and glens stay colder; highest summits up to 4C. 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.

	Saturday 27 December	Sunday 28 December
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 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.	Little if any 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) Freezing Level	-1 to 2C, coolest in far north; slightly warmer on higher tops above an inversion. Feeling like -5 to -8C in stronger wind. Varied partly frozen terrain, including frost inland glens, but above freezing on most west coastal slopes and some tops.	3C, inversion conditions - hills warmer than lower slopes all day - up to 5C highest summits. Frost in glens and lower slopes, also in some upland hollows and corries, all day out of sunlight; above freezing on tops.

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 Scottish 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. Next week generally sees lower temperatures on high terrain, sub-zero over most mountains through New Year. Small amounts of precipitation, occasional showers or snow flurries, winds north or northwesterly.

Forecast issued at 7:10 on Friday, 26 December, 2025

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