

# The Northwest Highlands

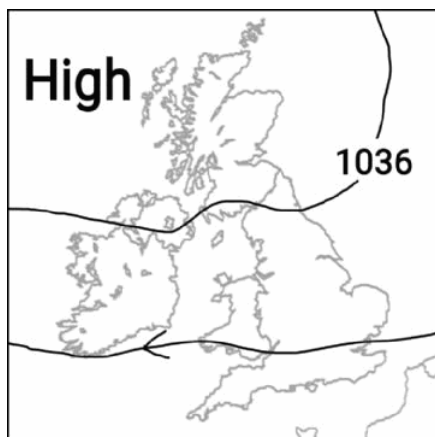
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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## General Summary for Sunday, 28 December, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 28 December, 2025**

High pressure brings dry and sunny conditions to the Highlands with little wind and the mountains clear, although some fog in the glens. Elsewhere, an east wind will continue to feed cloud into the Scottish Borders, N Pennines, and east Wales with scope for spots of drizzle. Still dry and sunny toward west coast.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Light winds with sun and mountains clear, above patchy fog.  
Terrain mostly frozen.

## Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 28 December, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	North to northeasterly or variable, 10mph or less.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Small
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	Dry all day
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<p><b>Little if any</b></p> <p>Fog patches some glens. Possible thin cloud banks drifting onto coastal slopes in north and west around 600-700m. Otherwise the mountains clear.</p>
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	90%
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	<p>Mostly sunny, partly cloudy coastal areas. Visibility excellent.</p>
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	3C, inversion conditions - hills warmer than lower slopes all day - up to 5C highest summits.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Frost in glens and lower slopes, also in some upland hollows and corries, all day out of sunlight; above freezing on tops.

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 29 December	Tuesday 30 December
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Northeast 15 to 25mph, may be calm over tops early in day above inversion, before wind picks up as inversion breaks down.  <b>Mostly small, but considerable wind chill where exposed to the wind.</b>	Northerly 15 to 30mph, strongest up towards Ben Hope.  <b>Blustery at times with considerable wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>A little patchy precipitation from cloud</b> Mostly dry, but scope for a little patchy spots of light rain or snow grains from the banks of low cloud.	<b>Snow flurries, mainly north.</b> A few snow flurries from Ben Hope down to Ben Wyvis. Otherwise, dry. Into the night, chance of a weak cold front edging south with a narrow band of light snow.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Cloud banks, tops initially clear above.</b>  Cloud banks from 500-1000m, highest tops may be clear for a time, before banks lift onto all higher terrain above 700m. Clearer Skye/Wester Ross.	<b>Patches or banks, mainly in the north.</b>  Patches of banks of low cloud on upper slopes from 700m upwards. Mostly across northern areas and perhaps also on Skye. Little elsewhere.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>70% on and near Skye. 30% elsewhere.</b>	<b>40% north, 70% south.</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Cloudiest in north and east, clearer with sunshine in southwest. Visibility mostly very good, away from any precipitation.	Broken cloud and sun, best sun in the south. Visibility very good, away from any snow flurries.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	Around 0C  Morning frost in glens/corries and initially tops above inversion, plus 2C, but turning colder on tops as freezing level stabilises	-3C  Terrain frozen from lower slopes upwards, with frost into the glens in morning.

## Planning Outlook

## All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 29 December, 2025

Early next week, high pressure still dominates, but generally colder air becoming entrained into its circulation from the north, which sees lower temperatures on high terrain. Small amounts of precipitation, occasional showers or snow flurries. Later in the week, a stronger and colder northerly may develop with snow and hail showers becoming frequent in the north and down coastal extremities elsewhere.

## Forecast issued at 14:40 on Saturday, 27 December, 2025

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