

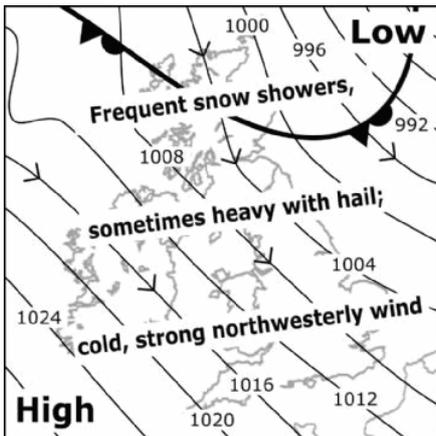
The Northwest Highlands

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 Wednesday, 25 March, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 25 March, 2026

Widespread hail and snow showers, at times heavy with a risk of isolated lightning. Fewer showers in the N Pennines and southeast Scotland for a few morning hours, but returning afternoon. Gales widespread as well with sudden strong gusts, easing only slightly in Scotland. Cold, staying below freezing above 500-600m.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Frequent snow and hail showers; gales, easing somewhat

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 25 March, 2026

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Northwesterly 35 to 45mph, varying speeds with squally gusts around showers, up to 55mph. Speeds ease for several afternoon hours, as low as 25mph Skye, but always a risk of strong gusts, and staying winder to the north.</p> <p>Walking strenuous with frequent buffeting, in places more arduous over higher exposed terrain with buffeting gusts and severe wind chill. Effects will ease somewhat in the south but walking stays impeded.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Frequent hail and snow, at times persistent</p> <p>Showery snow and hail falling to lower slopes, frequent to at times near-constant over coastal areas in the north and west, but extending across all the region. Risk of isolated thunder & lightning.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Varying, often capping tops</p> <p>Cloud base constantly changing, will come and go all day above 800-900m, frequently capping high tops toward coasts, patches at times to 600m during heavier showers. Briefly clearing tops. A risk of more extensive high terrain cloud for several hours in the morning.</p> <p>30%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Bursts of bright sunshine.</p> <p>Visibility intermittently very good, but appalling for periods in showers with brief whiteout over tops.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>-3 or -4C.</p> <p>Wind chill feeling like -20C or colder on high tops in strongest wind.</p> <p>400m from dawn, lifting to 500m, slightly higher away from showers.</p>

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 26 March	Friday 27 March
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	NW'ly 20-30mph early, strongest far north. Easing to 10-15mph, shifting W'ly, then SW'ly, restrengthening into evening. Walking impeded with some stability challenges in exposure early in the day, easing to fairly small.	Westerly 35-40mph, gradually strengthening, 50mph over high northern tops by dusk. Arduous walking with significant wind chill, a deteriorating trend with mobility increasingly impeded, particularly north.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Early and late precipitation, but mostly dry Some early snow showers near and north of Ullapool, soon easing for several dry hours. Patchy snow arriving to the high tops afternoon patches drifting east into evening and turning to rain, the most rain around Skye.	Frequent snow showers, some hail From dawn, frequent showers from the west, snow down to 600m, some hail too. Showers increasingly push inland, heavier falls for several afternoon hours; snowfall level lowers too.
Cloud on the hills?	Just high tops early, becoming extensive Some cloud banks drifting over the high tops, mostly in the north, but summits often clear through morning. Cloud gradually fills in extensively across high terrain through afternoon, likely to middle slopes by dusk	Variable, lowest and most persistent west Cloud comes and goes all day above 700-800m, most persistent along the west coast and as low as 600m during showers. Well-broken inland in the morning, but increasingly frequent during afternoon showers.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%, lowering to 20% through afternoon	50% inland, to 30% west coast
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine early in the day, soon weakened by high cloud, increasingly overcast. Excellent visibility, deteriorating afternoon as fog lowers.	Bursts of bright sunshine, mostly inland, perhaps rare along the west coast. Variable visibility, intermittently very good, but poor or appalling during snow showers.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-4C (-5C far north), rising to -2C, sharply rising into night, several degrees above freezing. Feeling like -15C in wind early. 200-400m, some lower frosts likely too. A slight rise, then sharply lifting above the summits as evening approaches.	-1C, gradually lowering, -3C into night. Feeling like -13 to -15C in the wind, cooler in the north late in the day. Lowering from overnight, 800m at dawn, lowering to 600m through the day.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 26 March, 2026

Thursday starts chilly with clear skies for many, snow then rain moves into western areas with time. Strong northwesterly winds prevail as the weekend starts, brining cooler temperatures and a mix of showers and sun across most areas, the showers likely snowy to middle elevations with some hail mixed in. The cool, spring-like conditions will allow showers to become heavier and more widespread in the afternoon. Sunday into next week sees high pressure southwest of the country, producing drier weather with sun breaks, a trend towards milder temperatures too, but several low pressure systems to the north draw bands of rain eastward, mostly affecting Scotland, occasionally northern England and Wales. A risk of cooler northerly winds re-establishing later in the week, though detail is uncertain.

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