

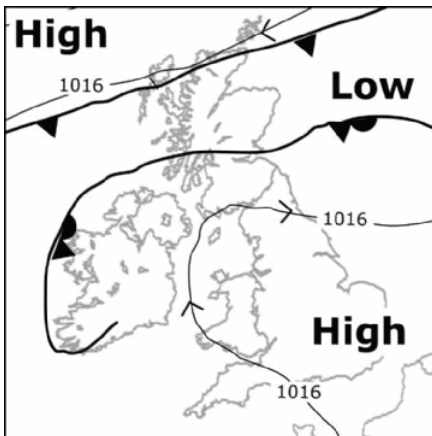
# The Northwest Highlands

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 Saturday, 2 May, 2026



**British Mountain Summary:**  
**Based on forecast chart for noon 2 May, 2026**

Very varied weather across the country: wettest in far northern and later eastern Scotland as cold and blustery weather penetrates southwards. Rain will later set in from south across Wales. Otherwise, areas of low cloud and pockets drizzle lifting to give patchy sunshine.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Much colder. Rain on and off; most summits foggy.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 2 May, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Morning: Direction varied; widely 10mph or less. Middle of day onwards: North to northeasterly 25 to 30mph, initial far north before through afternoon the stronger winds penetrate south across region.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Mostly negligible morning, but from north marked wind chill and and fairly widely uncomfortable walking in gusty winds (including on some lower slopes).</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Rain on and off, isolated heavy bursts</b> Rain intermittently or extensively, mostly fairly light, but particularly near Great Glen risk of heavy bursts. Will turn to sleet highest tops far north. Often dry with total rainfall small near Skye.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Very extensive; forming some lower slopes, may well not clear all day.</b> Cloud may for periods form below 300m Sutherland and eastern summits elsewhere. Otherwise, fragments may well form upward from forest canopies, although most cloud above 600m, and perhaps some breaks to 900m (most widely toward Skye).
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Little if any sunshine. The air very clear, but visibility widely poor due to rain.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	Between 2C, perhaps 0C evening near north coast, 4 to 6C elsewhere.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above most summits, perhaps as low as 900m Ben Hope (far north) evening.

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 3 May	Monday 4 May
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Direction varied, but mainly northerly; 15mph or less.	Northwesterly 20mph, perhaps 25mph for a few hours.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Mostly negligible.</b>	<b>Fairly small</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Occasional showers/snow flurries</b> A few showers, not heavy, mostly or only north of about Ullapool. Expect small hail and snow flurries, by evening as low as 500m.	<b>Occasional rain</b> Frequently dry; although scattered showers and a trough may bring an hour or so of constant rain. Total rainfall small.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Very little if any</b>  Fragments may shroud highest summits, particularly morning, but increasingly the cloud layer above the tops.	<b>Extensive; particularly near the coast</b>  Cloud base likely to vary, generally rising through the morning to 650 to 900m, lowest coastal hills. However, near rain, expect cloud to be extensive for a couple of hours above 400 to 600m, temporarily on lowest slopes near the coast.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine, possibly more widely close to the coast. Excellent or superb visibility.	Bursts of sunshine. Visibility generally good, most haze toward the coast. Temporarily poor in rain.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	0 or -1C far north; otherwise 2 to 4C, warmest near Great Glen.	0 to 2C within a few miles of the coast, coldest far north. Inland, rising by mid afternoon to 3 to near Great Glen 6C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above most or all summits, but 800 or 900m near Ben Hope. Frost some valleys at first.	900m far north; otherwise above the summits.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 3 May, 2026**

Lower than normal temperatures on the mountains most or all next week, particularly across the Scottish highlands where fresh snow in some areas and freezing level sometimes below 750m. Generally though, although the weather mixed, total rainfall will be fairly small and winds often light (at least until toward the weekend). Cloud will frequently be above mountain summits.

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