

The Northwest Highlands

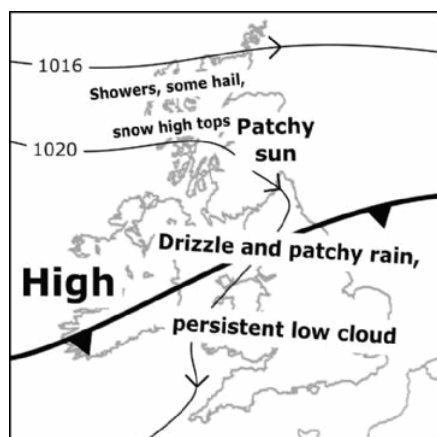
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Tuesday, 6 October, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 6 October, 2026

Chilly in Scotland, blustery showers northwest with hail, snow on summits. Showers well-scattered elsewhere, regular sun breaks. Patchy rain, drizzle, and low cloud affect England and Wales most of the day; some areas of east Wales see windows of cloud breaks and good visibility.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Chilly and blustery; showers will hail, snow on tops

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 6 October, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly between 20 and 30mph, strongest Sutherland, and may lessen in the south. Sudden strong gusts around showers, reaching 35-40mph in the north early.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery on the high tops in the north, buffeting gusts beginning to challenge stability, particularly early, when wind chill will be significant.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers with hail, snow on high terrain Succession of hail and showers, falling as snow above 900m; some heavy and squally bursts mainly Wester Ross and Skye, pushing further inland afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Frequently covering higher slopes; forming lower down near precipitation. Near showers, shafts of cloud below 600-700m, perhaps temporarily 400m, mainly near the coast. Otherwise cloud base 700 to occasionally 900m, some breaks reaching high tops during dry windows, particularly towards the east.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine. Very varied visibility; often good, but abruptly very poor, temporarily appalling on high tops in snow, and some haze along the west coast.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C, but will feel as cold as minus 8C in the wind.
Freezing Level	Just above highest summits.

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All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 7 October, 2026

A brief colder period with the wind easing on Wednesday and Thursday with bright sun breaking out - some snow showers will affect high terrain in Scotland, some hail mixed in as well. Westerly wind returns as Thursday goes, bringing bands of rain, low cloud and strong upland winds across Britain. Saturday remains blustery and showery but with bright breaks forming, and then Sunday sees a more settled day as a small area of high pressure builds in from the south. The following week looked mixed with bands of rain coming and going, punctuated by regions of high pressure, but typically on the cloudy side. Generally mild temperatures.

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