

The Northwest Highlands

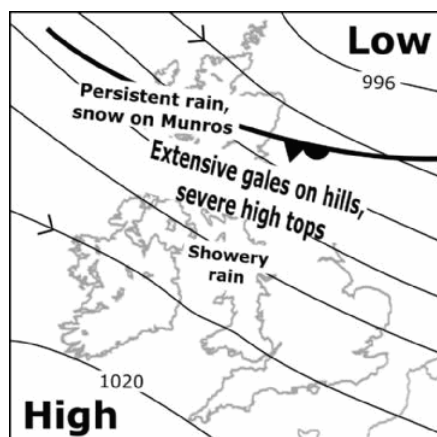
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Saturday, 10 October, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 10 October, 2026

Westerly gales across many mountains will make walking challenging and bring significant chill factor; air temperature close to freezing point on highest summits. Rain most persistent in western Scotland, snow falling on high tops. Frequent showery rain for northwest England, fewer showers south across Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Windy, gales on tops lessen; often raining, snow high tops.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 10 October, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West-northwesterly 40 to 50mph early in day, strongest around Skye, dropping to 30-40mph middle of day onward; very gusty, squally around showers. Gradually lowering further onward into night. Arduous walking with considerable buffeting, balance nearly always challenged; moderating a little with time. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Persistent rain, some heavy, snow tops A near-constant stream of showers from the northwest, sleet/snow on high tops above 900m or occasionally 800m in morning; fairly persistent over several hours with heavy falls on western mountains, some hail possible. Chance isolated thunder. Breaking to be somewhat more showery and less heavy afternoon.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Fairly extensive Often shrouding hills along the west coast, will vary above 500-700m, briefly higher, best chance of breaks approaching 800m or higher more often towards Ben Wyvis, but also lowering to at least middle slopes here in rain. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A few glimpses of sun east, more often overcast. Poor visibility, sometimes very poor on high tops in snow.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	1 or 2C in morning, 3C afternoon, but will vary and lower slightly in showers. Feeling like -10C in direct wind. 1100m in morning, lifting slightly higher afternoon.

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All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 11 October, 2026

After a fine but cool day on Sunday, damp and mild southwesterly air moves back across the country into Monday. Southwesterly winds strengthen late Monday to widely gale-force over the hills, heavier rain likely into early Tuesday, followed by showers and a slight drop of temperature. Very unsettled west-southwesterlies continue into midweek - sustained mountain gales, possibly stormy at times and spells of heavy rain for all areas. A changeable westerly theme likely continues beyond mid-month - occasional windows of drier weather, but more often windy with rain or showers coming in from the Atlantic, sometimes cold enough to fall as snow on Scottish high tops.

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