

The Northwest Highlands

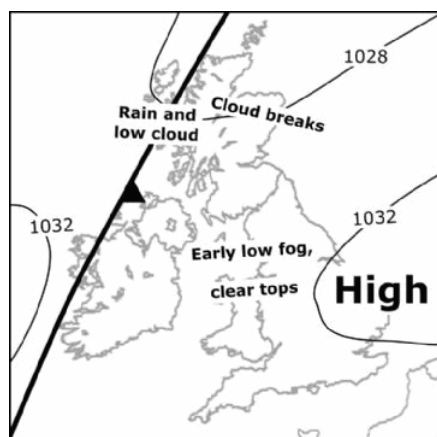
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Saturday, 31 October, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 31 October, 2026

Rain and low cloud affects the northwestern Highlands much of the day, plus blustery winds on some high terrain. Drier further inland/east in Scotland, best cloud breaks N/E of Cairngorms. England and Wales dry with light winds; morning fog on low ground, but the hills sunny above an inversion.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Breezy, rain much of day, lowest cloud Skye.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 31 October, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southwesterly 20 to 25mph, to locally 30mph for a few hours, tending to lessen again later from west.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but more noticeably blustery and affecting comfortable walking for periods on high terrain; marked chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and drizzle extensively, patchier north/east A broad swathe of rain and drizzle will move very little all day, draped across the region, heaviest in the morning on western mountains Wester Ross southward. Tending to fade on Skye during the afternoon, but lingering on the nearby mainland. Patchier smaller amounts of rain and drizzle Sutherland and near Ben Wyvis, very little far north.
Cloud on the hills?	Covering most higher areas all day Fog from lower slopes up to tops near Skye, and cloud banks above 600 to 900m areas generally north and east of Torridon. An improvement near the west coast only toward dusk.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Below 10% around Skye, 20% furthest north/east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine and visibility often poor due to rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	8C, later tending to drop to 5C from west. Feeling just below 0C in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 1 November	Monday 2 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	West to northwesterly 15 to 20mph, locally 25mph far north summits at times.	North to northwesterly 10 to 20mph, locally 25mph at times around northern tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small, but feeling chilly in exposure on higher tops.	Mostly small, but locally more noticeable and feeling chilly on higher northern hills.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Largely dry An odd light shower possible near to northwest coasts, but most places dry.	Little or no rain Patchy drizzle around cloud banks or an odd light shower near to coasts.
Cloud on the hills?	Capping western tops Cloud banks drifting onto western mountains mostly above 800-900m, some breaks, best inland. Some patchy mist lower down early in day.	Capping some tops Banks of cloud drifting over higher slopes, most frequently toward north, and for periods near west coast, may often cap some tops above 800m. Patchy fog banks also some glens inland.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy west coastal areas, patchy sunshine inland and east. Visibility very good.	Occasional sun mostly toward Great Glen. Visibility very good out of cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 or 1C, small variation with height from glens up early morning. Feeling like -5 to 7C in breeze on tops.	2 to 4C. Feeling like -5C in stronger wind.
Freezing Level	Close to freezing on higher slopes all day, plus patchy frost in glens early morning.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 1 November, 2026

High pressure centred over Scotland will persist during early November bringing settled conditions. Generally dry weather, but some areas of misty dampness and regular fog on low ground, some cloud banks on hills but also inversion conditions on high tops, particularly Scotland. Overnight frost in glens will be common, plus some frost pockets for sheltered high terrain, whilst many summits will stay often just above freezing point. Light winds for several days into next week for Scotland, but stronger easterlies are likely for England and particularly Wales which would push cloud banks higher up here during the week ahead.

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