

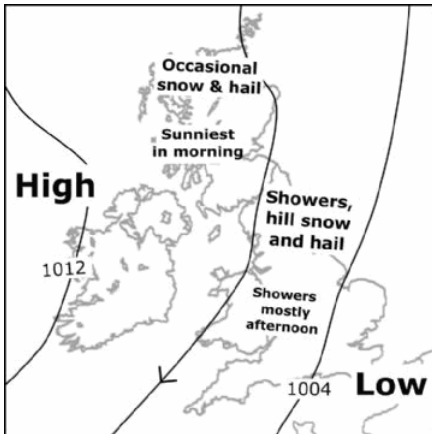
# The Northwest Highlands

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 Thursday, 13 March, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 13 March, 2025

Chilly northerly winds, strongest over the Pennines, here bringing a scattering of mostly brief showers with hail and hill snow. Local areas of snow showers in northern Scotland too. Otherwise, largely dry, only isolated flurries and some sun, typically best in the morning. Evening into night, some snow develops from north for Highlands.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Chilly wind. Snow showers mostly northern hills.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 13 March, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	North to northwesterly 15 to 20mph; gusty near precipitation, strongest most places into the afternoon, local 25mph north.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Mostly small, but feeling more blustery from middle of day on many high tops, giving marked chill.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Occasional snow north &amp; near west coast</b> Occasional snow, possible soft hail, mainly mountains from Ben Hope across Sutherland. One or two showers coastal Wester Ross and Skye. Largely dry further inland toward the Great Glen, brief flurries. During evening, some more frequent snow moving southwards.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Most frequent coasts, clear at times inland</b> Sutherland and coastal Wester Ross and Skye: Cloud patches to 500m in showers and frequent above 800m, though most higher tops occasionally clearing. Elsewhere: cloud rare below 600m and intermittently clearing to above 900m.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20% near coast to 50% well inland.</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Intermittent bright sun, mostly well inland. Brief bursts of sun coastal areas. Excellent visibility, but occasionally very poor in precipitation.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-3C, rising to -1C inland areas. In the wind, feeling nearer -10C on higher tops and in stronger wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	500m, tending to rise slowly well inland. Frost many glens post dawn.

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 14 March	Saturday 15 March
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Northeasterly 10-20mph. Some gustiness in the north.	Westerly 20 to 25mph, local 30mph northern mountains.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Mostly small.</b>	<b>Marked wind chill, feeling blustery in exposure over higher tops and ridges.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Snow showers, more frequent north</b> Brief showers with risk of hail come and go in northern areas, snow on higher terrain. Isolated brief showers south. Mostly rain below 500m.	<b>Local light rain, snow flurries tops</b> One or two light showers, with snow above 700m; mostly western mountains.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Patchy banks, often clear</b>  Some fog in glens and corries in the morning. Patchy cloud banks come and go northern areas, bases down to 700m. Many clear spells, with higher bases and frequent clearing in southern areas.	<b>Variable over western tops</b>  Banks of cloud likely to drift over western mountains above 700 to 900m, base rising a little during the day, with some breaks. Often above 900m further inland and eastwards.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Frequent sunshine, especially south. Excellent visibility, though moments of poor visibility in showers.	A little sun in and out, mainly away from west coast. Visibility very good.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-3C, rising a degree or two. Little chance on northernmost mountains.	-2C rising to 0C or slightly higher afternoon. Feeling like -10C directly in the wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Freezing temperatures and frost across all terrain at dawn. Rising to 700m, or 800m Skye.	500m rising to 900-1000m onward into afternoon. But also frost inland glens and sheltered lower slopes from dawn.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 14 March, 2025

Staying cold through the weekend into the start of next week, with frost overnight to lower slopes and valleys, then during the daytimes the freezing level lifting onto higher slopes. Higher pressure expands across all areas from the north, bringing largely dry conditions and rare brief light showers. A largely fine weekend ahead with light winds, sunny spells, variable cloud, and very clear crisp air. Some showers may run into northern Scotland on stronger winds here. Next week, a gradual shift back to less cold southeasterlies, with some showery rain developing from midweek, possibly more widespread spells of rain and some hill snow later in the week.

### Forecast issued at 16:00 on Wednesday, 12 March, 2025

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