

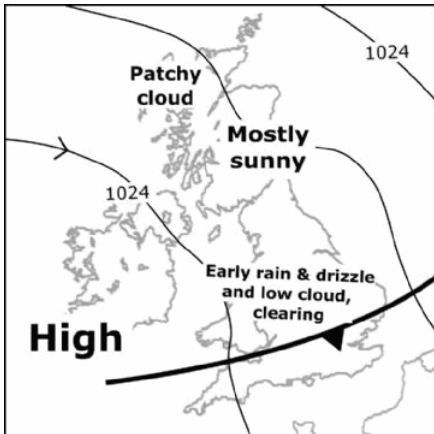
# The Northwest Highlands

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, 25 March, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 25 March, 2025

Fine weather for Scotland, sunshine best toward the south and east, chance of a brief shower northwest. Chilly breezes over higher terrain. A front clearing southwards over England & Wales brings a little rain and cloud covering the hills, but improving from the north.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Blustery especially north. Mostly dry, broken cloud and sun.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 25 March, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Westerly 25 to 40mph, strongest on northern mountains around Ben Hope in the morning.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Affecting balance and comfortable walking where exposed. Frequent buffeting on northern tops. Considerable wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Light showers in morning</b> Occasional brief showery rain in the breeze, mostly west coastal mountains in the morning; sleet on highest tops at first.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Varied over western tops, lifting</b> Patches of cloud come and go on western hills above 700 to 900m, tending to rise higher with time, breaking above the tops. Breaks most common over eastern hills.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	A little sunshine in and out, best in eastern areas. Visibility very good, slight haze near west coast.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	2C. Wind chill feeling like -7 to -10C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Just above highest summits.

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 26 March	Thursday 27 March
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southwesterly, strengthening 30 to 50mph, risk 60-70mph higher mountains later afternoon. <b>Deteriorating to make walking increasingly difficult on higher terrain, wind chill becoming significant.</b>	Southwesterly 40 to 50mph, at times 60mph over higher mountains and particularly western tops. <b>Challenging conditions, balance often affected on higher terrain, frequent buffeting. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain later in west</b> Dry much of morning, spots of rain developing, then later in the day risk of more persistent rain moving in from the west, setting in heavier toward evening.	<b>Rain most of the day</b> Rain fairly persistent over western hills, starting as snow on the Munros, turning to sleet or rain up to higher summits, setting in heavier, particularly Skye & Torridon. Smaller amounts of rain toward east.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Varied low cloud, filling in later</b> Banks of cloud on some slopes in the morning, higher tops may be above cloud for a time. Cloud lifting onto the tops, some breaks toward east. Then thickening to become extensive, lowest near Skye.	<b>Increasingly extensive</b> Covering western mountains all day, may vary in the morning, some breaks possible, above 900m inland and east. Likely lowering to increasingly shroud hills, to lower slopes coasts south from Torridon.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>50% dropping to 20%</b>	<b>30% dropping below 10%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, a little sun through high cloud occasionally. Visibility good, but reducing later in rain.	Any weak patchy sun giving way to thickening cloud cover. Visibility initially good, mainly in east, becoming hazier; poor as rain sets in.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b> <b>Freezing Level</b>	1 to 3C. Wind chill feeling like -10C, nearer -15C as speeds increase. Close to freezing some higher slopes above 900m at dawn; otherwise above the summits.	0C rising to 2 or 3C. Wind chill feeling like -15C on the Munros. 900-1000m early morning, rising just above the higher summits into afternoon.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 26 March, 2025

Westerly winds prevailing from midweek through to the weekend - often gale force over the mountains, particularly Scotland. Spells of rain, most persistent in western Scotland. Temperatures near or just above freezing on Scottish tops midweek, then widely chillier by Friday into the weekend - sub-zero on all hills above 800m, with showers of snow on hills and sometimes hail. An improving trend by Sunday into early next week high pressure starts to rebuild, bringing dry weather and lighter winds for most places.

### Forecast issued at 15:40 on Monday, 24 March, 2025

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