

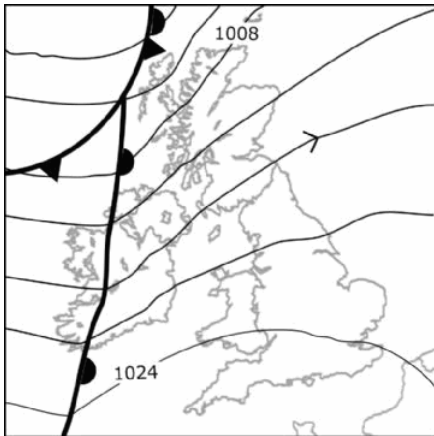
The Northwest Highlands

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, 29 March, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 29 March, 2025

Deteriorating rapidly as a front, particularly active in western Scotland, brings precipitation and upland gales - or on Scottish highlands storm force winds. Heavy snow for a few hours mainly western Scotland, mostly rain elsewhere. Total rainfall small south toward S Pennines and Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Storm force wind; heavy snow abruptly from later morning, then rain.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 29 March, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Speeds increasing rapidly from mid morning after a lull: westerly less than 25mph but by midday 50 to on higher tops 60 to temporarily 75mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking rapidly becoming very difficult - any mobility sometimes challenging - and wind chill severe.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy snow abruptly; later showery when snow only higher tops At first: Risk of a few showers. Mid to late morning: Increasingly wet, particularly near Skye where precipitation rarely ceasing. Snow above 600 to later 1000m.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive; especially near Skye. Breaks to 800 to 1000m particularly well inland temporarily morning. Soon deteriorating as near Skye cloud fills in across the hills. Elsewhere most cloud above 650m - but later afternoon near coast cloud shrouding lowest slopes; perhaps below 450m even well inland.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Less than 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine. Excellent visibility before becoming poorer, appalling for a time in snow, extensively so near Skye, and eventually near all western hills.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C rising to 1C. Will feel as cold as minus 16C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	750m rising early to mid afternoon after which will vary between 1050 and 1300m.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 30 March	Monday 31 March
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northwesterly slowly easing from 60mph post dawn to around 40mph by late afternoon, when will back westerly. Very difficult conditions, particularly morning when wind chill severe and general mobility challenging on higher areas.	Ranging from 50mph widely Sutherland to 40 or on higher tops 45mph elsewhere. Marked increase of speed with height: significant wind chill and buffeting on higher areas - local sudden gusts lower slopes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no rain The odd brief drizzly shower before in evening, chance patches of drizzly rain Skye.	Occasional rain, mainly near Skye Drizzly rain now and again mainly near the coast; the rain most persistent near Skye - inland about as far as Kintail.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Extensive on higher summits By late morning cloud base typically 650 to 900m lowest within a few miles of coast. Cloud base may lift to 800 to 1050m for a while afternoon. Toward or during evening near the coast, initially or only on Skye, cloud will begin to form on lower slopes. 40%	Very extensive; lowest cloud base near coast, especially near Skye Fog likely to envelop hills near Skye (inland to about Kintail) most or all day. Further north near the coast, uncertain, the fog may return north after clearing before dawn. Highest cloud base easternmost hills, where may break to 900m by mid afternoon. 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun; most sun lower slopes easternmost areas. Persistent haze, particularly toward coast.	Sunshine beginning to come through afternoon easternmost areas. Hazy, particularly near the coast
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	3C Rising slowly through the day. Will feel as cold as minus 10C directly in the wind. Above the summits	5C. Will feel as cold as minus 8 Celsius directly in the wind. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 30 March, 2025**

Pressure will rise across the UK early next week, bringing extensively dry and for a few days very warm weather - albeit on Monday the remnants of fronts will bring a little rain but extensive low cloud to some western mountains. Later next week, some forecasts suggest a marked drop in temperature levels as the high pressure shifts position to the north of Scotland.

Forecast issued at 7:02 on Saturday, 29 March, 2025

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