

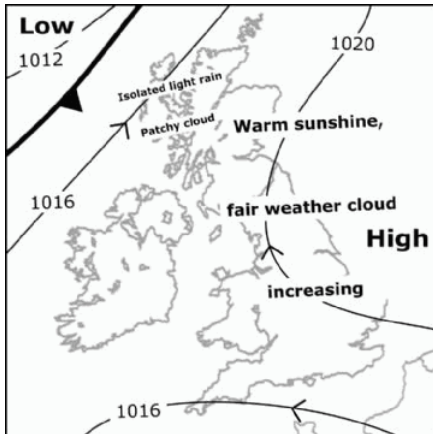
The Northwest Highlands

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 May, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 10 May, 2025

Moderate breezes across Scotland. Variable cloud banks in west Scotland with local light showers onto northwest coasts. East Scotland, England, and Wales will be mostly sunny with a patchwork of high cloud building. Feeling warm in afternoon sunlight. Winds increase in England and Wales somewhat as dusk approaches.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Blustery with variable patchy cloud on high terrain.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 10 May, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 15 to 25mph, strongest west coastal mountains. May gust 30-35mph at times over high tops, notably at dawn.
Effect of wind on you?	Just starting to affect comfortable walking, feeling blustery on exposed ridges with stability challenges in highest winds. Feeling chilly in strongest wind.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Isolated spots of rain Isolated spots of light rain drift onto Skye. Later afternoon sees some local showery bursts in the far north, though amounting to little.
Cloud on the hills?	Banks on high terrain lifting off summits, variable around Skye At dawn, variable banks near to west coast, mostly above 1000m. Some bases will drop lower in southern areas/Skye. Most cloud will gradually lift above summits by mid-afternoon, though occasionally touching tops in southern areas.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%, rising to 90% north of Torridon
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Frequent sunshine, some variable cloud at times weakening or shrouding sun. Visibility excellent, but locally may be mistier Skye.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 to 8C all day on slopes nearest west coast, coolest temperatures near Skye. Well inland, temperatures rise to 10C by afternoon. Feeling near 0C in direct wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 11 May	Monday 12 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 20-30mph, nearer 35mph high tops and Skye at dawn. A sudden lull later afternoon, shifting northerly. Walking starting to be impeded, stability challenged on exposed high terrain. Feeling chilly in the wind.	East or southeasterly, 15-20mph. Fairly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Coastal rain, showery bursts inland later Rain on and off along the coast and Skye. Showery rain appearing inland afternoon, some extended periods possible into evening, risk local heavy bursts, possibly a thunderstorm inland areas.	Chance morning rain south Detail uncertain: Risk of pre-dawn and morning rain, possibly thundery in places, mostly south of Ullapool. Clearing by afternoon. Chance largely dry all day.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Intermittent over coastal high terrain Cloud frequently shrouding the Cuillin ridge from mid-slopes upward. Intermittent cloud banks drift over high coastal terrain through the day, only occasionally forming on high terrain inland. Cloud formation will increase inland as dusk approaches. 30% Skye, 50% elsewhere	Variable banks gradually lift and break Patchy sea fog on lower slops of northernmost mountains soon fades. Variable banks of cloud on middle and high terrain gradually lift and break, best of breaks along the west coast. 40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun at dawn, best in the far east, becoming overcast by midday. Visibility excellent, becoming poor in rain.	Glimpses of sun, though overcast at times, possibly improving later afternoon. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	6 or 7C, some local coastal areas a degree cooler. A slight rise inland approaching 9C. Feeling below freezing in highest wind. Above the summits	9C, rising to 13C. Some local western slopes reaching 14C. Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 11 May, 2025

Low pressure south and west of the British Isles will facilitate bursts of rain, possible thunderstorms, into Wales into early next week, some may reach into northwest England and west Scotland. The continental wind track and high pressure to the east will keep most cloud above the summits, with eastern areas often sunny. Generally settled conditions prevail mid-late week into next weekend as high pressure reestablishes just north of the British Isles. A mix of cloud and sun with light winds, generally easterly though variable. Slight frosts at dawn in sheltered spots, mostly warm by day. Very dry ground conditions, beware high risk of fire.

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