

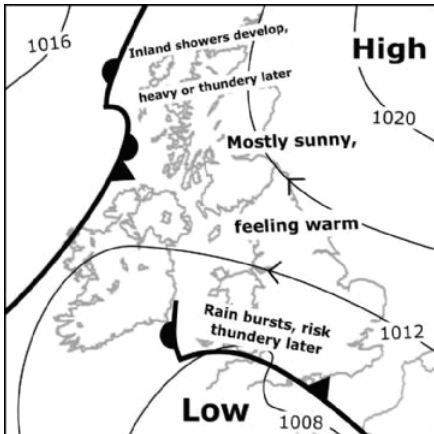
The Northwest Highlands

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 Sunday, 11 May, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 May, 2025

Showers develop inland western Scotland, heavy bursts or thunderstorms possible northwest later. Chance spots of rain south Scotland and north England, though mostly sunny. Modest winds here, some increase after dusk. Bursts of showery rain south Wales, chance localised thunderstorms later; some drift into north Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Showery bursts develop inland, risk heavy/thundery

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 11 May, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 20-30mph, strongest winds in the morning. Up to 35mph high tops and Skye at dawn. A sudden lull later afternoon and becoming variable, though some sudden strong gusts will occur around bursts of rain.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking starting to be impeded, stability challenged on exposed high terrain. Feeling chilly in morning wind.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain along the coast, showery bursts inland later Spots of rain Skye and northward along the coast; drizzle at times on windward Cuillin Ridge. Showery rain developing inland afternoon and drifting northward, extended periods possible into evening, continuing into night. Local heavy bursts, possibly a thunderstorm inland areas.
Cloud on the hills?	Intermittent over coastal high terrain, increasing later inland during rain Frequent cloud banks will shroud high terrain of the Cuillin Ridge. Intermittent cloud banks drift over high coastal terrain through the day, rarely forming on high terrain inland. Cloud formation will increase inland as burst of rain form later, lowest bases down to 1000m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40% Skye, 70% elsewhere
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sun here and there, though mostly cloud, becoming overcast by evening. Visibility excellent, becoming poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	7C, some local coastal areas a degree cooler. A slight rise inland, approaching 9C. Feeling below freezing in highest wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 12 May	Tuesday 13 May
How windy? (On the Munros)	Variable 10mph or less.	Variable or easterly, 10mph or less. Some 15mph breezes Skye.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible	Negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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 substantially dry all day.	Little or none An isolated light shower may form in central inland areas in the afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Variable banks gradually lift and break Patchy sea fog on lower slopes of northernmost mountains soon fades. Variable banks of cloud on middle and high terrain gradually lift and break off summits, best of breaks along the west coast.	Dawn sea fog north and east soon fades At dawn, local patches of sea fog on low slopes near Great Glen and Moray Firth as well as northernmost areas around Ben Hope. Fading to cloud-free by noon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40% dawn, rising to 60%	Becoming above 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Intermittent sun between high cloud, becoming more frequent. Excellent visibility.	Extensive sunshine after fog fades, thin high cloud slips in from the north. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	9C, rising to 13C. Some local western slopes reaching 14C.	12C rising to 15C. Local warmer spots around Wester Ross/Skye.
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 12 May, 2025**

Lingering bursts of rain in Wales early next week will gradually fade as low pressure slips away. Only odd spots of rain in northwest England and west Scotland, soon fading. A continental wind track and high pressure to the east will keep most cloud above the summits next week, with eastern areas often sunny. Settled conditions prevail midweek 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 with little change day to day. Slight frosts at dawn in sheltered spots, mostly warm by day. Very dry ground conditions, beware high risk of fire.

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