

The Northwest Highlands

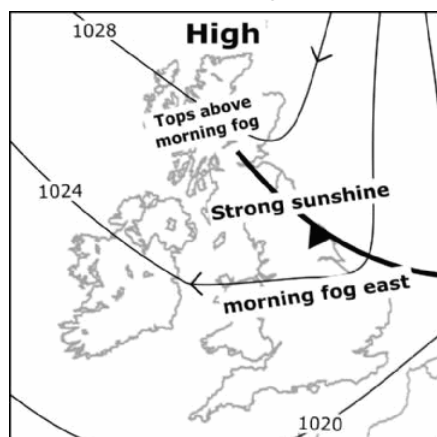
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Wednesday, 14 May, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 May, 2025

Misty low cloud in central and east Scotland in the morning; high terrain above the cloud layer. Morning low cloud east of the Pennines as well, most tops shrouded. Cloud fading to strong warm sun nearly all mountains by afternoon. Notable gusts, increasing into evening along the Pennines. Cloud-free in western areas and Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Tops above cloud; strong sunshine becoming widespread

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 14 May, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly or variable 10-15mph or less in places, especially toward Skye. Up to a gusty 20mph northern tops near Ben Hope.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small, though comfortable walking affected in gusty breezes in the far north.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain
Cloud on the hills?	Early misty low cloud east and south; tops above cloud North Sea low cloud around all but west coast hills overnight to early morning, fog almost into glens. Mostly clear above 900m. Cloud breaking off northern mountains soon after dawn. In southern areas, patches drift upslope as temperatures rise, clearing by midday.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80% (in places above early cloud), rising above 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Strong sunshine all day west and high tops, increasingly widespread. Some thin high cloud. Visibility becoming excellent after early mist lower down.
How Cold? (at 900m)	7C or warmer on some higher slopes from dawn (cooler lower down if in cloud), around 10C west coast. Reaching 10C east, 12C by afternoon west.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 15 May	Friday 16 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Easterly 10 to 20mph, likely strongest toward far north in the morning, gusty 25mph in places. Fairly small, some uncomfortable gusts.	Northeasterly or variable, 15mph or less. Mostly small, some gusts around high terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain	No rain
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Little if any Possibly patches on some slopes toward northeast early in day, largely clearing. Above 90%	Likely none If any, low banks of sea fog on lower slopes of Ben Hope and nearby northernmost mountains at dawn. Above 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensive strong sunshine. Visibility excellent.	Extensive strong sunshine. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	10C rising to 12C in west, but on hills toward east from Ben Hope to Ben Wyvis staying nearer 8C all day. Above the summits	9 to 11C. Rising to 12C near Skye/Kintail, some locally warmer spots. Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 15 May, 2025

High pressure persists north of Britain this week into the weekend bringing dry, warm and sunny weather. East to northeasterly winds prevail, at times strong and gusty, mainly England and Wales. Some coastal fog and low cloud drifting inland from the North Sea will affect eastern areas in the mornings (high terrain in Scotland often above the cloud layer), largely dispersing through middle of daytimes. Highest temperatures typically toward the west. Very dry ground conditions, beware high risk of fire.

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