

The Northwest Highlands

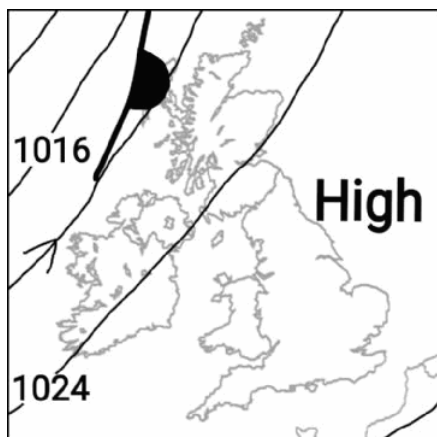
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Monday, 29 September, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 29 September, 2025

Scotland: Southwesterly winds with a warm front bringing cloud and patchy rain into afternoon for western hills. Eastern hills substantially clear with morning sunshine.

England/Wales: Sunshine giving way to veil of cloud, with will lower onto higher western tops with local drizzle. Dry elsewhere.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Sunny start, but clouding over. Patchy rain afternoon. Windy up the west coast.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 29 September, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 15-20mph, stronger Skye. Rising afternoon to a gusty 25-40mph, risk stronger Skye and nearby.
Effect of wind on you?	Ease of walking affected, becoming arduous over many west coast tops with considerable buffeting. Feeling cool.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly Skye, afternoon patchy rain Some fine drizzle over high tops of the Cuillin. Light rain arrives onto Skye with patches increasingly drifting east and north through afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Lowering through afternoon Some local mist in northern glens with ragged patches drifting over tops; high tops of the Cuillin likely more extensively covered. Through afternoon, lowering and spreading inland, extensive on high ground by evening with patches below 800m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%, lowering to 30% later
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny start in the morning, high cloud drifting in from the west gradually shrouds sun. Very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5C slowly rising to 7C; staying warm into nighttime. Feeling below freezing in the wind later.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

	Tuesday 30 September	Wednesday 1 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South to southwesterly, 20-25mph to gusty 30mph some exposed slopes, mostly Cuillin, perhaps nearby mainland ridges. Feeling blustery in places, starting to affect balance on exposed ridges, mainly on and near Skye. Fairly small inland areas.	South-westerly 30 to 40mph; strongest toward west coast and Skye where may reach 50mph at times. Be prepared for arduous conditions, perhaps even difficult at times for the west coast, with considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Damp in west much of day Drizzly rain fairly persistent on Skye and nearby coastal mountains in west. Some steadier rain mostly early in day, tending to fade with time. Small patchy amounts further north and eastwards.	Frequent to near constant rain in west Frequent to near constant rainfall on and near Skye where will alternate between heavy spells and drizzly periods. Rainfall more occasional elsewhere.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, lowest around Skye Shrouding the mountains widely, from lower elevations upward possibly much of the day on Skye and nearby west coast. Inland, bases 600-800m, some breaks at times above 800-900m in Sutherland.	Extensive in the west On and near Skye: Extensive hill fog throughout the day, bases varying but often around 500-700m. Elsewhere: Cloud frequent above 900m, some breaks.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast; some glimpses of sun may develop mainly toward the north. Visibility mostly poor around Skye, but good below cloud elsewhere.	Little or no sun Visibility often poor in rain, but at times good in the north and east.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	7C, little change all day where in cloud, clearer spots north/east rising to 9 or 10C. Above the summits	10C to locally as high as 12C in the north and east. Feeling closer to freezing in the strongest winds. Above the summits

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 30 September, 2025

Next week the UK is situated under a boundary between high and low pressure with a trend towards more settled conditions in the south, unsettled in the north. Northwest England and west Scotland could be rather wet with a southwesterly wind pushing cloud and spells of rain onto western hills. Several more organized frontal systems are likely to pass into eastern Scotland as well. Generally dry for the Pennines and Wales, though cloud and occasionally drizzly rain will impact western areas, notably Lakeland and Snowdonia. Sun breaks likely in England but short-lived. First indications of more widely unsettled weather into next weekend as a deeper area of low pressure passes north, though confidence remains low regarding timing and strength.

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