

The Northwest Highlands

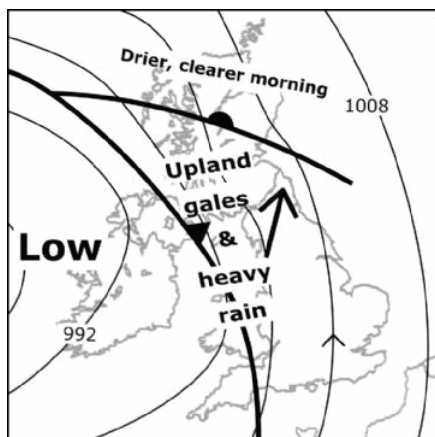
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Sunday, 19 October, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 19 October, 2025

Gale-force south to southeasterlies across the mountains. Extensively wet with blanket low cloud. The heaviest rain across Wales and southwest Scotland, pushing further across the southern Highlands with time. Driest conditions for northern Scotland early in day; briefly drier Pennines mid-late morning.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland gales. Wettest Skye; drier, higher cloud north in morning.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 19 October, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly, 30 to 45mph, speeds varying, lower later; locally very gusty, including through passes and lower down.
Effect of wind on you?	Expect blustery conditions, sudden gusty areas affecting balance and comfortable walking. Marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Wettest on Skye, rain spreads north Rain extending in from the southwest, soon fairly persistent around Skye, heavy at times. The far north starts dry for a few hours, rain developing, but may be patchier toward Ullapool. Starting to fade into night from west.
Cloud on the hills?	Most persistent and lowering Skye; clearer north in morning, lowering in rain. Extensive over the hills in rain, most persistent and lowest on Cuillin, forming to mid-slopes in south with time. Areas toward the coast north from Torridon maintain highest breaks, but in rain develops, cloud cloaking higher areas.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20% all day Skye; up to 60% north mainland in morning, here later 30%.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Any weak sun in north through a veil of high cloud soon widely overcast. Visibility good while dry in north; otherwise hazy, poor in rain, particularly around Skye.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5 or 6C, small change with added height. Feeling like -5 to -8C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

	Monday 20 October	Tuesday 21 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Direction variable, mostly 10mph or less, local S'ly 15mph near coast. In far north, may start E'ly 25mph+, but easing. Likely small	In northern areas, variable 10-15mph or less possibly much of day. Near Skye, SW later W'ly, 15-25mph, risk 35mph+ later. Varied - may be mostly small, but note uncertainty, possible local rapid increase to very blustery conditions, more likely later.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Local showery rain, greater risk north Patchy overnight rain likely moving away northwards, may linger in far north on and off. Elsewhere, local slow-moving areas of showery rain, but a fair amount of dry weather.	West coastal showers Showery rain most common on coastal areas around Skye. Occasional showers possible elsewhere, but some inland areas likely staying often dry all day.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Fairly extensive, local breaks form Banks of cloud at various elevations from lower slopes upward from dawn, some slopes may be between cloud layers for a time. Tending to lift mostly above 600-800m, some higher breaks forming. 30%	Patchy cloud, some hills largely clear Variable banks of cloud over the hills above 600-800m, mostly western areas if showery rain occurs. Some fog possible inland glens and lower slopes in morning, but some inland mountains often clear. 50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, some weak sun may occasionally break through. Areas of mist may be widespread in morning, locally improving to good visibility.	Largely cloudy, brief glimpses of sun mainly further east and north. Visibility very good away from rain.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	6C, little change all day. Above the summits	6C, little change, some glens cooler at first. Feeling below freezing where the wind increases. Above the summits

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 20 October, 2025

A mixed outlook into the new week as low pressure dominates with areas of rain and showers , which will vary locally day-to-day. Some windows of drier weather, particularly central parts of the Highlands. Wind speeds will also vary, but some lulls, but abrupt spells of upland gales possible. Risk of heavier rain spreading from Wales into northern England and southern Scotland later Wednesday into Thursday. Likely significantly colder later in the week with northerly winds, dropping below freezing on higher mountains, with snow showers especially Scottish Munros.

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