

The Northwest Highlands

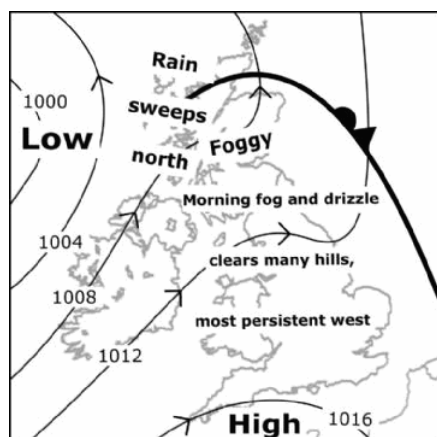
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Saturday, 8 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 8 November, 2025

Morning rain in western Scotland with fog on most high terrain; lower and more extensive fog central and southern highlands. A misty, drizzly start on high terrain of England and Wales, though improving - cloud increasingly broken, particularly east of high tops. Feeling mild in moderate winds, a slight cooling later.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Afternoon rain on the west coast; often foggy, some breaks

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 8 November, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly 10-15mph. Typically stronger Skye, nearer 20mph and briefly higher over the high tops. Shifting southwesterly afternoon, strengthening into nighttime.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, at times feeling breezy over high terrain in the south.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Afternoon rain, mostly near the coast Odd spots of patchy rain onto southern mountains through morning, a few over far northern areas as well. A larger area of rain will sweep northward from Skye along the west coast through afternoon with a few drizzly patches well inland.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied though high terrain often shrouded Varied low cloud from dawn into morning, some fog in glens and on lower hill slopes in places. Most high terrain south of Ullapool in cloud as well. Breaks more likely on west coast hills further north. As rain arrives, high terrain more widely shrouded with banks variably forming lower, particularly along the coast. Some breaks forming later.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Often overcast, though local bursts of sunshine will come and go, mostly early and late. Visibility very good away from cloud, but some misty areas at varied heights likely persist.
How Cold? (at 900m)	7 to 9C from dawn, warmest to the north and coolest on Skye. Gradually cooling widely to around 5 or 6C, including down in the glens.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 9 November	Monday 10 November
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	A gusty south-southwesterly 25-35mph, lightest north. Stronger south of Ullapool, up to 45mph for several hours. Strenuous walking with considerable buffeting and wind chill in gusts. Stability challenged on southern hills.	Generally southerly through variable, 15mph or less. A risk of stronger afternoon winds though confidence is low. Likely small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Intermittent rain becomes frequent south From dawn, intermittent rain drifts from the south. Rain more patchy and drizzly to the north. Rain increasingly frequent, particularly south where likely setting in for several hours.	Morning rain mostly clearing Detail uncertain: a broad area of showery rain from dawn slowly drifts northward, clearing most hills; some showers linger in the coastal south. May be drier sooner.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, particularly south Widely shrouded south of Ullapool from 500-600m up - some very low bases on the Cuillin. Higher bases further north, some local breaks are possible around Ben Hope.	Extensive morning, improving Detail uncertain: extensive from 600m up for much of the morning. A tendency to lift and break from the south to banks clinging to slopes at various heights afternoon. May be clearer earlier.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Less than 10% south, 30% northern inland mountains	Rising to 40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A few glimpses of early sun possible in the north, otherwise overcast. Visibility often poor, though excellent where clear of cloud and rain.	Overcast at first, sunny bursts increasingly breaking out and increasingly excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	7 or 8C. Cooling later in the day to the south, down to 6C Skye. Feeling like -3 to -5C in direct wind. Above the summits	4 to 5C. Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 9 November, 2025

A cloudy and wet week ahead as several low pressure cores draw frontal systems across the British Isles. Rain at times extensive and heavy, streams in spate with a risk of flooding, primarily western mountains. Winds start fairly light but soon increase with gales becoming widespread by Tuesday, which may persist for several days. Temperatures remain mild until later in the week when cold air begins pushing into northern Scotland - timing and extent of the arrival of cold air remains uncertain but high terrain of Scotland and possibly northern England may start to see more snow around or after next weekend.

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