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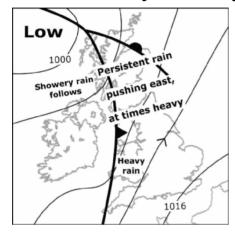
The Northwest Highlands

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, 9 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 9 November, 2025

A swathe of rain advances eastwards across all regions during the day, heaviest over south-facing hill groups, patchier northwards across the Highlands, breaking up with time in the west, leaving a few showers, rising cloud bases. Windy, up to gale force high tops, most sustained in Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Strongest winds in morning. Wettest, lowest cloud in morning.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 9 November, 2025

| How windy? (On the Munros) | A gusty south-southwesterly 25-35mph, strongest most widely in the morning, lightest in north. Up to 40mph early in day for a few hours Skye to Kintail. | |
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| Effect of wind on you? | Strenuous walking, buffeting gusts in the morning affecting balance, then moderating a little, but staying blustery, particularly west coastal mountains. | |
| How wet? | Rain on and off, wettest Skye to Kintail in morning, then showers | |
| (Precipitation and its impact) | From dawn, intermittent rain drifts from the south, frequent for a few hours, particularly Skye where setting in for several hours in morning. Patchier and more often drizzly to the north. Breaking up into showery rain into afternoon. | |
| Cloud on the hills? | Fairly extensive, particularly south; some improvement afternoon | |
| | Widely shrouded south of Ullapool from 500-600m up - some very low bases on the Cuillin. Higher bases further north, some local breaks at times around Ben Hope. Bases rising widely during afternoon from west to 700-800m. | |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | Less than 10% south, 30% northern inland mountains | |
| Sunshine? | Largely overcast, some brighter moments into the afternoon in west. | |
| Air clarity (below cloud) | Visibility often poor, though excellent where clear of cloud and rain, mainly afternoon. | |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | 7 or 8C, cooling during day from west to 4 or 5C. Feeling like -3 to -5C in direct wind. | |
| Freezing Level | Above the summits | |

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The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

| | Monday 10 November | Tuesday 11 November |
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| How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you? | Generally southerly through variable, 15mph or less. A risk of stronger afternoon winds though confidence is low. Likely small | East or southeasterly, speeds varied, 15 to 30mph, lowest for longest in north, but locally gusty especially around Skye. Fairly small some slopes, but gusty spots will start to affect comfortable walking and balance, greatest risk on Cuillin. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Morning rain mostly clearing | Risk rain setting Skye to Kintail |
| | 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. | Rain pushing in from the south likely to reach areas near Skye and Great Glen, becoming persistent, but further northwest only patchy and light, possibly largely dry far north. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Extensive morning, improving | Breaks north, lower in rain south |
| | 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. | Varied patches, but much cloud above the hills especially toward the northwest coastal mountains. Around rain, cloud lowering more widely over hills, bases 600-800m Skye to Kintail. |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | Rising to 40% | 30%, to 60% far northwest. |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Overcast at first, sunny bursts increasingly breaking out and increasingly excellent visibility. | Some weak sun mainly morning in north, giving way to more overcast skies. Visibility mostly good, reducing in rain, possibly becoming poor Skye. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | 4 to 5C. | 3C, then by late afternoon 5C, into evening 7C; only small fall with height. Feeling like -5C if in the stronger wind. |
| Freezing Level | Above the summits | Close to highest summits prior to dawn, soon well above the tops. |

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 10 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.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Saturday, 8 November, 2025

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