

The Northwest Highlands

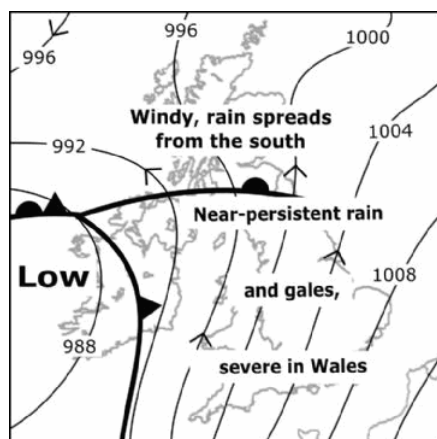
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Tuesday, 11 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 November, 2025

Rain from dawn in Wales soon spreads widely into England and southern Scotland, setting in for several hours; nearly constant all day for Lakeland and Galloway hills. Widespread gales as well, severe in Wales. A drier start for Scottish Highlands, though rain will spread from the south afternoon with strengthening wind.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Breezy but winds variable; dry with broken cloud until later

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 11 November, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	From dawn, southwesterly 20-30mph, soon shifting south then easterly with time. Winds will ease for several hours to 15-20mph but rising again later with gusts.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small some slopes, but gusty spots will start to affect comfortable walking and balance, particularly late in the day with greatest risk on Cuillin.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain developing Skye to Kintail Patchy light showers near the coast from dawn will ease for several dry hours. Rain approaches southernmost mountains afternoon (Skye east to Great Glen), pushing north after nightfall to become widespread and persistent overnight.
Cloud on the hills?	Well-broken early, then filling in south/east later Varied patches early, many clearing after sunrise and much cloud above the hills especially toward the northwest coastal mountains. Summit caps will linger to the south, then gradually filling in more widely south and east slopes with bases to 700-900m, further deteriorating overnight.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% near Skye, to 60% far northwest.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Some weak sun in the morning, best in the north. Gradually turning overcast from the south. Visibility excellent before rain arrives from the south, becoming poor Skye to Great Glen.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C through most of morning, then warming through afternoon to 4 to 5C (including to tops); warmest on coastal slopes and may rise another degree in the south into nighttime.
Freezing Level	Just below the highest summits prior to dawn, soon well above the tops.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 12 November	Thursday 13 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	Speed and direction may vary considerably, possibly a lull early. Risk abruptly northeasterly 30-40mph.	Northeasterly 30-45mph at dawn, strongest on southern mountains. Easing from the north to 20-30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Beware of changing conditions, potentially significant wind chill and considerable buffeting developing.	Walking starts arduous with buffeting and wind chill. Conditions easing, though remaining uncomfortable south.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Widespread rain, snow later on tops Rain fairly persistent widely, intensity varied, in places drizzly, but locally heavier for periods. Likely turning to showery sleet then snow on northern Munros.	Snow showers Periods of showery rain with snow above 600m. Snow showers may be quite frequent onto northern slopes from off the sea with snow level dropping even lower, perhaps near Ben Wyvis too.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Shrouding the mountains widely, banks of cloud at varied elevations, in places to some lower slopes.	Extensive south for a time, broken north A sheet of cloud covers the high slopes from Kintail to Ullapool; more broken Torridon and Skye, though tops likely shrouded. Cloud more patchy further north, will come and go with bases rising to higher terrain, may break south as well.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	10%, rising to 40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull. Visibility widely poor in rain.	Overcast south, patchy sunshine north; may become more broadly patchy. Very poor visibility in rain/snow, though improving during breaks.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C, dropping to 0C north, may reach further south later. Feeling like -5C to nearer -10C if exposed to stronger wind.	-1C. Feeling like -10 to -13C in direct strongest wind.
Freezing Level	Gradually lowering from north to 900-1000m, possibly lower into evening. Staying near summits south	800m

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 12 November, 2025

Periods of heavy rain for many over several day; further flooding for Wales, the Lakes and southwest Scotland. Cooler than recently in Scotland with freezing levels lowering to most high terrain, snow showers falling on high terrain from the north; remaining generally mild England and Wales by day and night.

Later in the week and into the weekend, high pressure draws colder air into Scotland and progressively further south into England and Wales over the weekend. Strong easterlies are likely over England and Wales and conditions will be largely dry with some clear hills and sunny bursts; overnight frosts likely widespread in Scotland. The weather regime the following week is uncertain but first indications suggest more unsettled weather.

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