

The Northwest Highlands

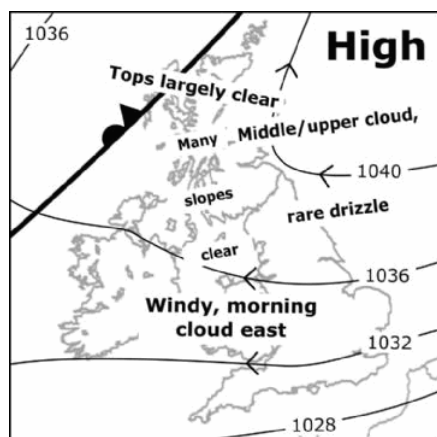
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Wednesday, 24 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 24 December, 2025

Patchy cloud on middle and high slopes of central and east Scottish Highlands, clearer west and north; high summits clear too. Most cloud in England stays east of the Pennines, little west including Lakeland where isolated to summits. Gusty wind in Wales, risk gales south; early cloud in the east will break.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Patchy cloud middle slopes, most Skye; light wind

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 24 December, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northeasterly, trending southeasterly with time though often variable, 10mph and often less.
Effect of wind on you?	Small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Substantially dry Some spots of nuisance drizzle where in cloud, notably at and before dawn. Many hills entirely dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Patches on middle slopes, higher Skye Patchy cloud on middle slopes will variably come and go for most areas, risk more extensive near the west coast at times and to the upper elevations of Skye. Locally foggy in the glens as well, sometimes a relatively thick layer. Well-inland tops may be above the cloud layer.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine, more extensive on highest summits, particularly inland, though some high cloud around. Very good visibility, particularly on highest tops above cloud; a slight haze lower eastern slopes.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3 or 4C at dawn, lowering slightly around Skye and Kintail but some variability.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 25 December	Friday 26 December
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	East-southeasterly 10-15mph, some gustiness. Mostly small though gusty at all elevations	Variable 5 to 10mph or less. Toward and beyond dusk tending to increase northeasterly 15-20mph. Mostly small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain expected	Dry all day
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Some fog in glens but otherwise clear Dawn fog in many glens, will linger well into the day where sheltered. Fog may reach upslope north of Ben Wyvis early in the day, though this fading. 80% (tops above cloud layer)	Most hills clear, locally above fog Patchy fog mainly glens or lower slopes, the mountains generally clear. Some cloud banks may drift higher onto north coastal slopes above 500-700m. 80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine above low fog. Excellent visibility.	Bright sunshine and excellent visibility. Misty in places lower down.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	3 to 6C, mildest near Ben Hope; little change or slight rise in temperature with height. Above the summits, though some frosts in the glens at dawn, which may linger where shaded from sun.	0 to 2C, small variation with height inland, some corries and glens stay colder. Frost in many inland glens, terrain at least partly frozen higher up, but air temperature just above freezing on high tops.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 25 December, 2025

Christmas Day will be dry: easterly winds are dominant, strongest in England and Wales and most cloud east of the high tops: may be fairly sheet-like sometimes, though variably more extensive or broken, best of sun breaks in western areas. Turning cooler too, the coldest air in England and Wales with freezing levels reaching as low as 300-600m in east Wales, though poorly defined.

High pressure stays put to the north into the weekend, maintaining dry weather, easterly winds, and mixed cloud and sunshine, most of the cloud in eastern areas. Temperatures will be variable, becoming milder for a time in England and Wales, with poorly defined freezing levels.

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