

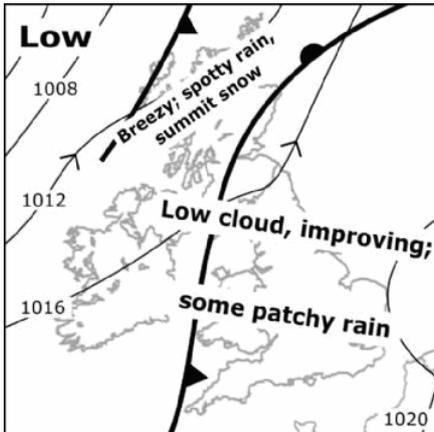
The Northwest Highlands

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 Monday, 9 March, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 9 March, 2026

Humid air will bring extensive low cloud and bursts of showery rain to the mountains. However, in places breaks in the low cloud will allow sunshine through, whilst the cloud base will be very varied - making detail difficult. Windy northern and western Scottish Highlands.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Windy; mainly near Skye precipitation and low cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 9 March, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southwesterly 30 to locally 40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Expect considerable buffeting and wind chill across higher areas.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain/snow mainly morning. Mainly near the coast, rain (snow above 750-900m) from time to time - but away from western mountains near Skye will amount to very little. The precipitation will tend to fizzle with time.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive morning; cloud base may lift, and clear some areas. Near the coast south from Wester Ross: Almost blanket fog probable from dawn, the base very low particularly Skye. Slowly breaks will develop to 450, perhaps 750m. Elsewhere: varied, cloud covering some lower slopes but not others. By afternoon, some or many higher areas clearing.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10% near Skye; rising to 50% elsewhere.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Cloud will tend to break, perhaps substantially by afternoon north from about Torridon. Visibility becoming mostly excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Between 0 and 2C.
Freezing Level	Between 900 and 1150m.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 10 March	Wednesday 11 March
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South to southwesterly; increasing markedly with height to a gusty 40mph or by late afternoon 50-60mph. Markedly increasing buffeting and wind chill with height. Balance and general mobility increasingly difficult on higher slopes.	Westerly up to 60mph post dawn; through day dropping slowly, typically 40 to 50mph middle of day, strongest far north. Expect significant or severe wind chill and walking - sometimes any mobility - to be very difficult across the hills, particularly near precipitation.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain now and again Rain from time to time - very little in total. Most persistent Skye and within a few miles of the coast adjacent to Skye. Sleet above 750m.	Frequent hail and snow Particularly morning, succession of sudden hail and above 600m snow showers. Sometimes whiteout will occur.
Cloud on the hills?	Persistent very low cloud near Skye; may clear northern and eastern Skye and nearby mainland: persistent fog, at times the cloud forming at or below 300m. Highest cloud base elsewhere; north of about Torridon and east toward Ben Wyvis typically 750-1000m middle of day.	Persistently covering higher areas; rapid variation in cloud base. In precipitation, cloud forming below 300 to 500m (generally lowest morning near the coast). Otherwise, by midday (as average cloud base tends to rise) between 600 and 1000m, highest on easternmost areas.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Almost nil near Skye to 30% elsewhere	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mainly or only lower slopes near and north of Ullapool and near Ben Wyvis. Hazy, particularly near the coast.	Bursts of sunshine, mainly afternoon lower slopes well inland. Very varied visibility: general haze, but abruptly appalling in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	1C - little temperature drop above 900m. Will feel as cold as minus 10C directly in the wind. Above the summits - some terrain above 900m may be frozen.	-1C. Will feel like minus 15C directly in the wind. 750m

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 10 March, 2026**

Later this week - with the current mostly cloudy and hazy or murky conditions clearing on Tuesday night. Bouts of upland severe or storm force winds will reach the Scottish Highlands and gales periodically affecting other mountain areas. Freeze thaw cycles will occur on higher areas south from S Scotland whilst the Scottish Highlands experience infrequent thaw, with fresh snow sometimes reaching lower slopes, whilst extensive higher up.

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