

The Northwest Highlands

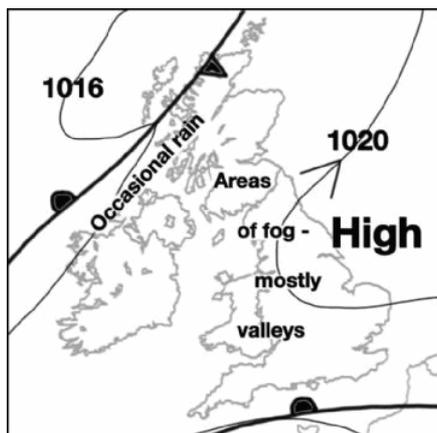
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Friday, 27 November, 2020



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 27 November, 2020

A little rain Scottish Highlands, and mainly near the west coast low cloud. Elsewhere, dry, but fog wise very varied conditions. Fog in many valleys thins only slowly - if at all. On the hills, cloud often covering higher tops near N Irish Sea, otherwise tops often cloud free.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Occasional rain; little wind. Areas of low cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 27 November, 2020

How windy? (On the Munros)	Starting southwesterly up to 20mph. By midday, widely less than 10mph and direction increasingly varying.
Effect of wind on you?	Becoming negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patches of rain, mainly near the coast Rain and drizzle, rarely heavy, mostly morning on western hills south from Wester Ross. By afternoon, the rain very patchy and many areas dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, particularly western hills Extensive fog on the hills after dawn western hills south from Wester Ross, from lower slopes up on coasts exposed to the south and west. Will tend to improve with most cloud above 500m by afternoon. Elsewhere, patches below 500m in places, but cloud base mostly 700-1000m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10% near coast south from Wester Ross; 40% elsewhere
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun. Visibility poor in precipitation, but often very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	2C.
Freezing Level	1200m, but 1100m Sutherland.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 28 November	Sunday 29 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly, 10 to locally 20mph, but some areas little wind.	Westerly 25 to 35mph, strongest Sutherland; least wind on and near Skye.
Effect of wind on you?	Small.	Ranging from mostly fairly small southernmost summits to arduous walking conditions far north.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no precipitation Mainly around coastal mountains, risk of local patches of rain, snow higher slopes, perhaps an isolated shower.	Little or no rain. Occasional rain may spread to coastal areas, particularly north from Wester Ross, most likely afternoon. The rain, amounting to little, may well not reach more eastern summits until after dark.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive before tops increasingly clear Confidence low in morning as to the extent of cloud across the hills. In some, particularly coastal areas, it may be very extensive. However, gradually, most cloud will become confined to higher areas, and increasing summits will clear.	Extensive, particularly western tops Cloud base will tend to rise progressively inland: typically between 600 and 800m near the coast, but dropping toward 300m in rain. Well inland, most cloud above 800m, higher tops may be cloud free for several hours.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine breaking through increasingly, and visibility good, but a general slight haze.	Patches of sun, mostly well inland. Cloud may thicken from the west during the day. Mostly excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1C.	2C
Freezing Level	Tending to rise from around 1000m to 1250m during the day. Frost some glens after dawn.	1250m, although slight frost some valleys after dawn.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 28 November, 2020**

Very much drier over the coming week, although weakening fronts will bring a little rain and pulses of strong winds, mainly to the NW Highlands. Elsewhere, winds light and although extensively dry, fog will be widespread in and above valleys whilst higher up many summits become cloud free.

Temperature wise, the odd brief incursion of sub-freezing air onto higher summits Scottish Highlands, but any sustained cold at least a week off. Frost in valleys mostly confined to England and particularly Wales.

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