

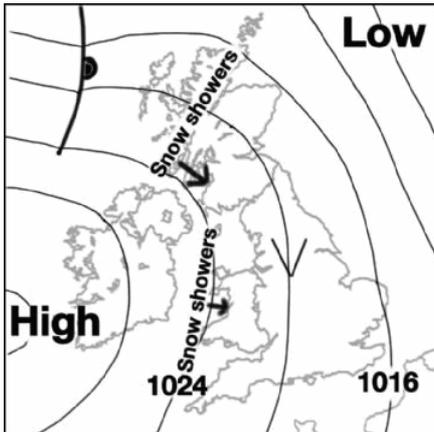
The Northwest Highlands

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 Thursday, 25 November, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 25 November, 2021

A cold, windy but fine day on summits along most of the spine of Britain and also South Wales. However, snow showers will affect the NW Highlands and increasingly from the west other summits in W Scotland, and west Wales will later become prone to showers.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Cold. Snow showers throughout day. Upland wind near gale force.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 25 November, 2021

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northwest backing westerly; 30 to 35mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking widely arduous on higher areas and wind chill significant.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow showers. Heavier snow after dark. Succession of snow and hail showers, fewest afternoon. Mostly rain only lowest ground near coast. Persistent snow for a few hours after dark.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, particularly afternoon. Typical cloud base varying between 550m near showers to mostly 750m, although between 600 and 900m or in afternoon 1000m well inland. Through afternoon: Near the coast, cloud increasingly persistent above 450m - the low cloud extending inland toward dusk.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10% west to 30% easternmost summits
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, mainly well inland. The air very clear, but abruptly very poor visibility in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-4C. Due to wind chill, will feel as cold as minus 16 Celsius directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	400m. However, frost some glens and lower slopes morning.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 26 November	Saturday 27 November
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northwesterly 45mph. From middle of day abruptly 70 to in gusts 100mph or more in hurricane force winds. Severe wind chill and very difficult walking conditions at best. Abruptly any mobility will become tortuous - even on lower slopes.	Northerly 40 to 50mph; particularly gusty near showers. From west will tend to ease toward 30 to 40mph. Upland gales will result in significant wind chill and frequent considerable buffeting on higher areas; at times any mobility difficult.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow, often heavy, most of day. Snow, intermittently heavy giving whiteout. Hail and risk thunder. Well inland south of about Torridon, some significant breaks in the precipitation morning. Rain only lowest, mainly coastal slopes.	Frequent snow Snow showers throughout the day. Together with blowing snow from previous falls, the snow will result in appalling visibility in whiteout or near whiteout conditions.
Cloud on the hills?	Very extensive Cloud almost constantly shrouding most hills, sometimes from lower slopes. For periods base 200 to 400m near precipitation, lowest Sutherland and near the coast elsewhere. Breaks to 700m, mainly well inland south of Torridon.	Extensively covering higher areas Rapidly varying cloud bases: abruptly below 400m near precipitation but breaks to 900m occasionally higher. Inland south of Torridon, cloud rare below 600m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare glimpses of sun only. Visibility often appalling or near zero, although at times good - mainly well inland south of Torridon.	Bursts of sunshine. Hazy at best; visibility often appalling, particularly higher up.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C dropping to -4C	-4C
Freezing Level	650m dropping from north to 400m.	450m

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 26 November, 2021**

On Friday and Saturday, the Scottish Highlands will bear the brunt of cold, stormy conditions with considerable snowfall (especially Cairngorms NP).

There may well be a lull on Sunday as winds drop and most areas are temporarily dry (possibly snow edging onto some western mountains). Next week, precipitation frequent, with further bouts of upland gales or severe gales. Temperature levels will vary: a series of freeze thaw cycles Scottish Highlands, whilst elsewhere higher tops only occasionally below freezing point.

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