

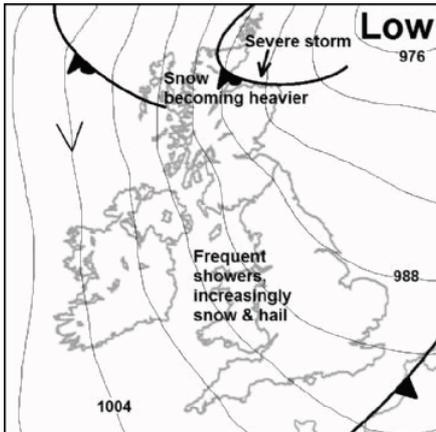
# The Northwest Highlands

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, 26 November, 2021



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 26 November, 2021**

A severe storm moves into Scotland from the north. Mountain gales strengthening to hurricane-force afternoon into evening. Snow setting in heavier in the north, falling to increasingly lower levels and spreading further south later. Frequent heavy showers for Wales with hail, risk thunder. Drier S Scotland & N England with some sun.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Severe storm developing. Frequent heavy snow, risk thunder.

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 26 November, 2021

<p><b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>Northwesterly 45mph.                  From middle of day, abruptly 70mph to in gusts 100mph or more in hurricane force winds.</p> <p><b>Severe wind chill and very difficult walking conditions at best. Abruptly any mobility will become tortuous - even on lower slopes.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet?</b>                  (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p><b>Snow, often heavy, most of day.</b></p> <p>Snow, intermittently heavy giving whiteout. Hail and risk thunder. Well inland south of about Torridon, some breaks in the precipitation morning into middle of day. Rain only lowest slopes, mainly coasts.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p> <p><b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b></p>	<p><b>Very extensive</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>10%</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b>                  Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Rare glimpses of sun only.                  Visibility often appalling or near zero, although at times good - mainly well inland south of Torridon.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b></p> <p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>-2C dropping to -4C.                  Wind chill near -20C, or below as extreme winds develop.</p> <p>650m dropping from north to 400m, then toward lower slopes from dusk into early evening.</p>

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	<b>Saturday 27 November</b>	<b>Sunday 28 November</b>
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Northerly 40 to 55mph; particularly gusty near showers. Lessening only slowly through day. <b>Difficult conditions, frequent considerable buffeting on higher areas; at times any mobility difficult. Severe wind chill.</b>	Northerly 20 to 30mph, may fall lighter through the afternoon. <b>Significant wind chill and buffeting at times on higher terrain, may become small later.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Frequent snow</b> 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.	<b>Occasional snow</b> A few snow showers or flurries coming in from the north.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensively covering higher areas</b>  Rapidly varying cloud bases: abruptly below 400m near precipitation but breaks to 900m occasionally higher. Inland south of Torridon, cloud rare below 600m.	<b>Varied, mostly higher tops</b>  Banks of cloud drifting across higher terrain, bases varied, mostly 600 to 800m or sometimes breaking higher.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine. Hazy at best; visibility often appalling, particularly higher up.	Patchwork of sun, some high cloud. The air quite clear, but very poor visibility on some hills if in blowing snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b> <b>Freezing Level</b>	-4C. Wind chill as cold as -20C.  Close to freezing point with lying snow in places to lower slopes; freezing level may rise above 400m near coasts.	-4C, up to -2C near west coast. Wind chill as cold as -15C.  Near or below freezing point lower slopes upward; most terrain frozen with snow cover. Near west coast, up to 500m.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 27 November, 2021**

Very cold this weekend with northerly gales or storm-force winds. Severe wind chill conditions on higher mountains on Saturday. Easing gradually from the west into Sunday. Snow showers focused on north-facing mountains, sometimes frequent or merging to constant falls for a few hours. Areas of sunshine and clear air away from showers.

Next week, west to northwesterly winds prevail. Precipitation frequent, with further bouts of upland gales or severe gales. Temperature will vary, lifting above freezing to highest summits early in the week. Colder again by midweek, then cycles of freeze & thaw are likely into next weekend, although mountains in England & Wales only temporarily sub-zero.

**Forecast issued at 14:54 on Thursday, 25 November, 2021**

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