

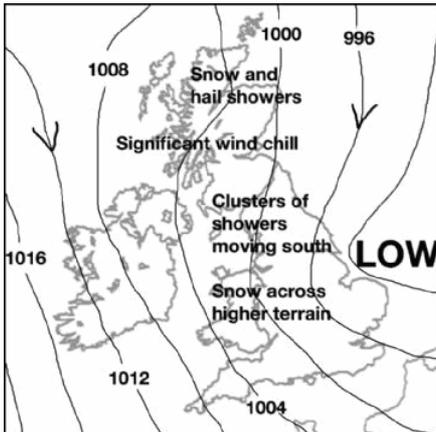
The Northwest Highlands

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, 1 December, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 1 December, 2021

Strong northwesterly winds will bring colder conditions to all areas once again with clusters of showers moving south across the country through the day, snow falling to lower slopes increasingly through the day but mainly higher slopes in Wales. Cloud frequently covering higher tops.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Snow or hail showers, frequent in morning.
 Hill fog often covering tops.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 1 December, 2021

How windy? (On the Munros)	North to northwesterly, 25 to 40mph, suddenly gusty in showers. Risk up to 50mph later in the day in the north.
Effect of wind on you?	Frequent considerable buffeting, at times arduous conditions. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow or hail showers, frequent in morning. Frequent precipitation from dawn giving periods of whiteout. Snow or hail increasingly falling to lowest slopes. Chance isolated thunder. Showers will become well scattered into afternoon with lengthy dry spells, before snow showers become frequent again into evening.
Cloud on the hills?	Frequently covering tops. Frequently covering higher tops, but cloud bases changing quickly in and out of showers. At times shafts of cloud below 600m, particularly at first. Fleeting breaks to higher tops, these mostly in the south.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20 to 50%; highest in the south afternoon.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief bursts of sun. Visibility sometimes very good, but suddenly appalling when in cloud and snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C lowering through day to -4C. Will feel closer to -15C or below in direct exposure to strongest winds.
Freezing Level	500 to 600m, highest near coast; but by mid afternoon onward dropping to freezing from lowest slopes upward.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 2 December	Friday 3 December
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northerly 20 to 30mph at dawn, will soon ease to become westerly 10 to 20mph. Will strengthen west coast by evening. Will impede walking higher slopes for a time in morning with considerable wind chill, becoming small by afternoon.	West to northwest around 25mph at dawn, will soon ease to around 10mph to 20mph. Marked wind chill around dawn, but soon becoming mostly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow showers. Snow later west coast. Snow showers, mainly in morning before fading out into afternoon. Toward dusk and into evening, snow will spread inland from the west.	Drizzly showers, snow higher terrain. The legacy of a front, that will have given some transient snow overnight, will give a little rain/snow at dawn before clearing to a few drizzly showers, snow higher terrain.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Covering tops for a few hours in north. Occasional patches will cover higher slopes in fog around showers. Little in south toward Great Glen. Widely becoming extensive in west later.	Extensive, but lifting to higher slopes. Extensive cloud cover across the hills, through the morning down to lower slopes. However, will tend to lift to higher slopes into the afternoon. Local breaks in east. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Periods of sunshine, most widely in south. Later becoming overcast. Visibility excellent, but very poor in snow showers. Later widely very poor in snow.	Generally overcast, perhaps a little sun here and there. Murky morning, then becoming mostly good into the afternoon.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-4C, may lift to -2C near west coast later. Terrain widely frozen after widespread frost at dawn.	0 to -2C 700-900m; highest in morning.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 2 December, 2021

North or northwesterly winds will dominate through the rest of the week - most mountains frequently sub-zero onward into the weekend, at times to lower slopes. Some variation of freezing level, mainly toward western coasts and brief tongues of less cold air may move across Wales, perhaps the south Pennines. Frequent precipitation, mostly snow on the mountains, sometimes heavy showers with hail. Winds varied, but often strong, gales or severe upland gales at times.

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