

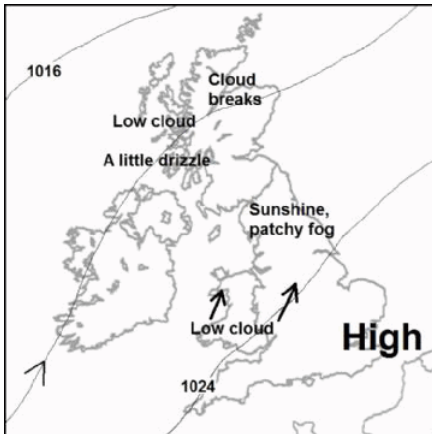
# The Northwest Highlands

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 Saturday, 15 January, 2022



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 15 January, 2022**

Areas of low cloud at various levels, but may shroud western Scotland much of the day, patchy drizzle. Breaks north and east across the Highlands. Hills mostly clear northern England. Patchy fog. Low cloud likely to spread across Wales from south. Local gusty wind. Dropping near freezing some slopes, plus frost some valleys.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Low cloud, risk a little drizzle far west. Cloud breaks inland/north.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 15 January, 2022

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	South to southwesterly 10 to 20mph, locally 25-30mph, mainly near west coast.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Fairly small inland, but locally rather gusty around tops, mainly in west. Buffeting and a marked wind chill where exposed.
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Patchy light showers around Skye</b> Mostly dry. Local drizzly showers, snow flurries on Munros, likely confined to hills on and nearest Skye.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mostly far west</b> Around Skye and Torridon, often shrouding the hills above 600 to 800m, sometimes to lower slopes nearest the coast. Further inland and eastwards, cloud varied but well broken, some low level fog banks, but many tops clear.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20% Skye, to 70% inland and north.</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Mostly cloudy western areas, sunnier east and north across Sutherland. Visibility very good below or away from cloud/fog.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	Around 0C, locally up to 3C at first eastern hills; small variation of temperature with increasing height. Directly in strongest wind, feeling as cold as -10C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Just below freezing point from about 800-900m upward. Locally slight frost some inland and eastern glens.

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 16 January	Monday 17 January
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Westerly 25 to 40mph, strongest northern mountains.  <b>Blustery across the hills, walking arduous on higher summits especially in the north. Significant wind chill where exposed.</b>	Westerly 25-40mph at dawn, strongest far north, dropping to 15mph or less; later southerly 25-30mph near west coast. <b>Blustery early morning in north, then later on toward west coast, but likely to be small for several hours through day.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain or summit snow at times</b> Mostly small amounts of precipitation, but may come and go on western hills much of the day, sometimes persistent for an hour or more. Sleet or snow on the Munros or briefly lower.	<b>Rain unlikely</b> Chance of the odd patch of light drizzle if around low cloud in west.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Fairly persistent western hills</b>  Shrouding western mountains most or all day, at times filling in to lower slopes near the west coast if rain persists. Inland mostly above 600-800m, with higher breaks most frequent near Great Glen.  <b>30%</b>	<b>Covering western slopes at times</b>  Banks of cloud covering some slopes, most common toward the west coast and perhaps across Sutherland for a few hours. Tending to break up. Some high tops above cloud.
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mostly eastern areas. A general haze west coast, misty at times; visibility mostly good inland and east.	Varied cloud in west, but most place often sunny with excellent visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	0 or -1C  Near or just below freezing above 800m, generally lowest northern areas, beware of icy surfaces.	Locally near 0C at dawn, rising to around 5C most areas, lower if patchy cloud exists. Hills warmer than inland glens. Pockets of frost, particularly inland glens, higher terrain also at least part-frozen, but air temperature rising well above zero.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 16 January, 2022

Weakening fronts will pass southwards across Britain during Sunday, bringing small amounts of precipitation. Close to freezing on higher mountains, beware of hardened snow patches and ice in places. High pressure briefly rebuilds into Monday with air temperatures rising well above zero on most hills, although a frosty start in many valleys. Damp and mild southwesterlies into Tuesday bring extensive cloud, rain or drizzle, wettest in western Scotland. Windy into midweek in the north. A cold front is likely to bring rain turning to hill snow in Scotland, leading to a chillier second half of the week. Some further dry days are expected for all as high pressure returns with inversion conditions for some areas.

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