

The Northwest Highlands

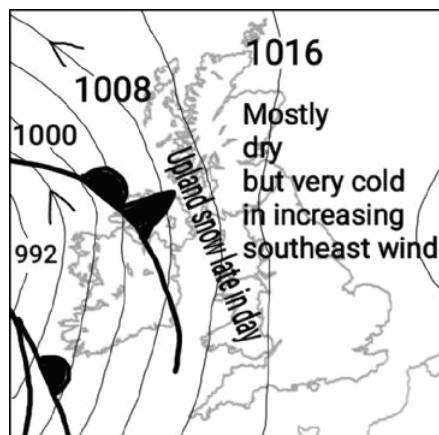
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Wednesday, 6 December, 2023



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 6 December, 2023

After a hard frost, mostly dry and bright, but feeling increasingly bitterly cold as southeasterly winds strengthen and cloud thicken through the day ahead of a front, which will bring an increasing risk of upland snowfall, in across western mountains toward evening, and then spreading to all parts overnight.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Bitter chill in strengthening southeast winds. Snow arriving overnight.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 6 December, 2023

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly, strengthening through day from 20-30mph after dawn to 30 to perhaps 45mph before dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking increasingly difficult, in places on lower slopes, and feeling bitterly cold as wind chill becomes significant.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation unlikely Very likely dry all day, although in the afternoon increasing threat of patchy snow near Skye - more likely after dark. More widely snow extends northeast overnight.
Cloud on the hills?	Very little Here and there, cloud above 900m, but most summits are of cloud, aside from some fog patches in the glens in the morning.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine may well be extensive, away from fog banks in some glens. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3C, although a little less cold near coast. Will feel as cold as minus 16C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Almost all terrain frozen: partial thawing some lower slopes, mainly near the coast.

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 7 December, 2023

Unsettled conditions will prevail over the next week to 10 days, with periods of upland gales or severe gales with precipitation frequent, mostly rain, although intermittently snow Scottish Highlands, more rarely elsewhere. Driest conditions (relative to the average) will likely be in the northwest Highlands, given the often backed flow, as the low pressure areas track in.

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