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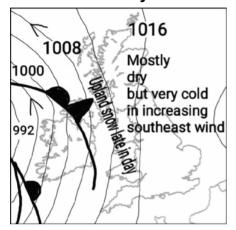
# The Northwest Highlands

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 and 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 unlikely	
(Precipitation and its impact)	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.	

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### The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 7 December	Friday 8 December
How windy? (On the Munros)	Very turbulent conditions developing. Southeasterly winds; lifting through day to 50 to 70mph.	East to southeasterly 15 to 25mph, tending to ease through the day.
Effect of wind on you?	Be prepared for increasingly very difficult conditions, as turbulent and very powerful winds accelerate over the mountains.	Be prepared for considerable wind chill in the strongest breezes, although tending to ease through the day.
How wet?	Occasional snow or refrozen rain	Becoming mostly dry
(Precipitation and its impact)	Occasional snow. Level to which snow falls varying, to lower slopes in some areas, but upper slopes elsewhere, with some hills seeing refrozen rain.	A few patches of rain, or above 1000m, snow in the morning; mainly in the east. By afternoon, very likely dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, breaks in northwest.	Occasional bank but mostly clear W co.ast.
	Be prepared for fairly extensive hill fog in the south and east down to mid slopes.  Mainly upper slopes or tops with some breaks, up to Ben Hope and west coast.	Occasional banks covering some mid to upper slopes in the east, but these tending to break off the hills as day progresses. Very little toward west coast.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast.  Visibility often poor or very poor, good at times in the north and northwest.	Cloud layers thinning and breaking to reveal some sun, mostly widely west coast. Visibility generally very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Around -3C, will tend to rise to between -2C and plus 1C. Feeling more like -18C in direct exposure to the wind.	Around 1C, but feeling closer to -10C initially in the strongest winds before they ease.
Freezing Level	400-600m, highest near west coast. Lifting to 600-1000m; varied across area.	Gradual thaw to upper slopes, with freezing level around 1100m.

# **Planning Outlook**

## 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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