

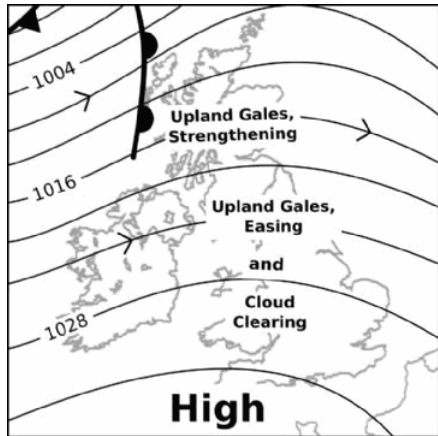
The Northwest Highlands

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 January, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 26 January, 2024

Highlands: Upland gales getting stronger through the day. Snow and hail on and off all day along the west coast but mostly dry in the east.
England, Wales & Southern Uplands: Upland gales tending to ease and becoming dry with only very isolated showers. Many summits cloud free and bursts of sunshine. Remaining cool.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland gales getting stronger

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 26 January, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 40mph in morning increasing to 60mph by midday but risk higher speeds from dawn. Becoming southwesterly in the afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking increasingly difficult on higher areas; at times gusts could blow you over, particularly near precipitation. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow and hail Snow and hail on and off all day. Rain only in and just above valleys.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Rarely clearing higher tops Varying cloud base: patches below 450 to 600m near precipitation (generally highest easternmost hills). Otherwise, base typically 800 to 1000m, again generally highest well inland, where highest tops may briefly clear. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, most widely lower easternmost slopes. Hazy, and abruptly very poor visibility in snow.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-2C. Will feel around -20C directly in the wind. Warming into evening. 750m. Lifting above summits overnight.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 27 January	Sunday 28 January
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 50 to 70 mph. Easing towards 40mph from south late afternoon.	Southwesterly 50 to 80mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult or very difficult walking conditions; you may be blown over. Beware strong gusts through cols and on down slopes. Severe wind chill.	Walking very challenging. Very powerful gusts will occasionally reach lower sheltered slopes. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain/snow showers, heavy in afternoon Rain and snow showers on and off through the day, particularly near west-coastal mountains. Becoming heavier and more widespread in the afternoon. Only a little reaching Ben Wyvis.	Rain moving in Risk of pockets of drizzle near the west coast in the morning. Rain, heavy in places, probably from the afternoon or evening.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Cloud down to lowest slopes near west coast and Skye. Cloud base will be 600m or higher on Ben Wyvis.	Extensive Extensive cloud mid-slopes may clear highest summits intermittently. On and near Skye low cloud from lower slopes up will persist all day.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine. Good visibility well inland.	Little or no sun except, perhaps, on higher summits. Very hazy.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1C, feeling -10 to -15C in the wind.	4C, feeling below -10C in the wind.
Freezing Level	1100m.	Above summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 27 January, 2024

Total rainfall will be very small in Wales, the Peak District and the southern Pennines over the weekend and beyond. High winds over the weekend will temporarily ease for a day to two early next week. Periods of freezing temperatures will be brief on higher summits away from the Highlands, whilst across the Scottish Highlands, there will be a series of freeze-thaw cycles. Fronts continue to move across the Highlands, particularly the north west.

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