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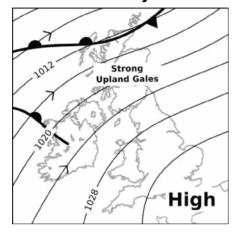
# The Northwest Highlands

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 Saturday, 27 January, 2024



# British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 27 January, 2024

Upland gales across Scotland and n. England. The Peak District & Wales will have slightly lighter winds. Morning cloud on windward coastal mountains may bring drizzle; cloud base rising inland. Rain and snow showers in w. & nw. Highlands. Temperatures rising through day and freezing level above most Scottish mountains by evening

#### evening. Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Strong upland gales and rain/snow showers

# Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 27 January, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 50 to 70 mph. Easing towards 40mph from the east late afternoon.	
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.	
How wet?	w wet? Rain/snow showers, heavy in afternoon	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and snow showers on and off through the day, particularly near west-coastal mountains. Turning to sleet and becoming heavier and more widespread in the afternoon.  Only a little reaching Ben Wyvis.	
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 and more broken.	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	
Sunshine?	Little or no sunshine.	
Air clarity (below cloud)	ty (below Good visibility well inland.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	2C, feeling -10 to -15C in the wind.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	

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#### The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 28 January	Monday 29 January
How windy? (On the Munros)  Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 50 to 80mph, easing in the evening.  Walking very challenging. Very powerful gusts will occasionally reach lower sheltered slopes. Severe wind chill.	Forecast details uncertain. Probably light and variable direction. Chance of westerly or northerly 15mph.  Negligible or small.
How wet?	Rain moving in	Mostly dry
(Precipitation and its impact)	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	Little or no cloud
	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?	30%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly overcast. Occasional brighter spells near Ben Wyvis. Very hazy.	Overcast Good visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4C, feeling below -10C in the wind.	-3 to 0C.
Freezing Level	Above summits but lowering to 800m overnight.	600 to 900m.

## **Planning Outlook**

## All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 28 January, 2024

Total rainfall will be small on Sunday but a front waving across northern England and Scotland on Monday is providing some uncertainty. England and Wales remaining mostly dry with summits above freezing Tuesday onwards. Dry spells in Scotland punctured by a series of fronts moving across bringing bouts of precipitation and freeze thaw cycles to the Highlands.

#### Forecast issued at 16:30 on Friday, 26 January, 2024

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