

The Northwest Highlands

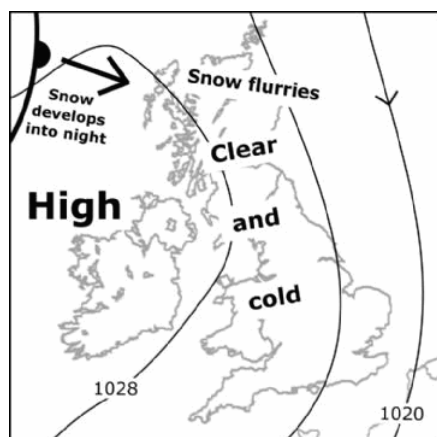
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Monday, 17 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 November, 2025

Cold everywhere, staying sub-zero over high terrain, plus some frost lower down in morning; considerable chill factor if exposed to wind, but speeds tending to lessen all areas. Largely dry, local snow flurries moving in northern Scotland. Some patchy cloud mostly northern half of the Highlands, sunnier elsewhere.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Moderate breeze. Patchy cloud, some snow flurries.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 17 November, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northwesterly 20-25mph, stronger gusts north and east hills. An easing trend from the west later in daytime. Starting to increase southwesterly mainly areas near Skye into the night, 25-30mph for periods. Starting to affect comfortable walking on some slopes; significant wind chill in exposure. Lessening into afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Scattered snow flurries north Occasional snow flurries or brief showers move onto hills near the north and west coasts (mostly north of Ullapool) - snow falling toward lower slopes, tending to fade afternoon. Substantially dry toward Great Glen and Ben Wyvis. Well into night, snow develops from west, sleet or rain on lower coastal slopes.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Coming and going on high terrain Cloud comes and goes around 900m or up throughout the day - well inland southern areas will see extended breaks. Coastal aspects towards the north may be more often shrouded. 30% coastal tops, 60% inland tops
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy north and west, sun more common toward Great Glen. Mostly excellent visibility, but reducing briefly to poor if in snow showers.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-3C (to -5C on highest tops). Feeling as cold as -13C in strongest wind on high tops. 500-600m, slightly higher Skye. Frost many inland glens in morning where skies are clear from overnight.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 18 November	Wednesday 19 November
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Uncertain detail: trending northeasterly and rising through the day to reach 30-40mph, risk stronger south. Effects may be fairly small at times but beware sudden strengthening speeds and direction changes.	Northerly 35 to 45mph, squally gusts in showers. Often challenging walking conditions on exposed terrain, severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Near-constant snow Snow likely widespread from morning well into the day - falling as rain on lower slopes. A few breaks may form but with sudden returns to snow as well.	Frequent heavy snow, hail Succession of heavy snow and hail showers coming in from north, giving near-constant snow northern mountains and frequent down west coast to Skye; chance isolated lightning. Drier near Great Glen. Snow lying to lower slopes.
Cloud on the hills?	Likely extensive, some variability Most hills shrouded above 500-600m all day, perhaps filling in to lower slopes during heaviest snowfalls. Bases may locally rise with breaks towards high terrain later.	Fairly extensive higher areas Cloud base constantly changing, but often shrouding north-facing mountains above 600-800m, some lower shafts of cloud in showers. Brief breaks higher up mostly Kintail to Great Glen.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast with near-zero visibility during periods of snow which may be extensive and prolonged. Small chance of bright breaks.	Brief bursts of sun, mostly inland. Visibility at times appalling when in cloud and snow, but intermittently very good.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-2 or -3C at dawn, warmest south and possibly a degree warmer for a time. Perhaps lowering afternoon to -4C. Inland terrain likely widely frozen at dawn. Coming up to 600m coastal slopes, perhaps higher on Skye.	-4 or -5C. Wind chill feeling like -15 to -20C. Most terrain frozen from glens upward, freezing level lifting up to 400-500m near coast and on islands.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 18 November, 2025**

A cold week ahead, staying below freezing across all mountains, much terrain will be frozen from valleys upward. An area of low pressure and associated fronts will pass southeastward during Tuesday, bringing some persistent snowfalls, including to lower slopes particularly inland across the Highlands, some substantial accumulations over higher terrain. Strong to gale force northerlies Wednesday-Thursday, bringing snow and hail showers focused on northern Scotland and onto north-facing coastal districts elsewhere. By Friday into next weekend, winds shift back westerly and freezing levels rise to upper slopes - some rain likely, snow on high tops at times.

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