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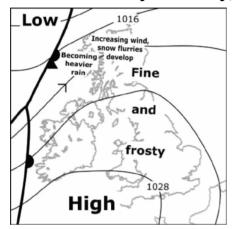
## The Northwest Highlands

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 Friday, 21 November, 2025



# British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 21 November, 2025

Terrain widely frozen after hard frost; snow cover across much upland terrain, or more substantial to lower slopes northern Highlands. A front moves into Scotland, snow then rain in west, cloud lowering. Elsewhere dry, sunshine weakening. Wind strengthening to gale force Scottish mountains.

#### **Headline for The Northwest Highlands**

Soon upland gales. Snow turning to rain moving in from west.

### **Detailed Forecast for Friday, 21 November, 2025**

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly, strengthening rapidly from dawn, soonest near coast, to be in range 35 to 50mph, briefly nearer 60mph more northern mountains. Starting to ease into night.		
Effect of wind on you?	Conditions deteriorate quickly in the morning, to give difficult walking and significant wind chill; gusts may knock you off your feet in exposed spots.		
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow becoming rain from west Substantial snow cover over most mountains, to lower slopes many areas. Dry start, then during morning snow flurries start to push inland across western mountains, becoming persistent. Increasingly rain to higher elevations in west coastal areas, heavier afternoon. Turning to rain higher up inland later.		
Cloud on the hills?  Chance of cloud free	Patchy, then more extensive from west  Prior to snow/rain, just patchy cloud on various slopes, some clearer areas.  With time, cloud lowering and filling in across the hills above 600-800m, soonest toward Skye. More broken eastwards even up to dusk.  60% dropping to 20% west		
Munros?  Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Any weak early sun soon obscured by thickening high cloud, becoming overcast.  Visibility starts excellent, for longest in east, but reducing to poor in rain, very poor in snow.		
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C, rising to 0C, up to +1 or 2C near west coast later daytime, then inland after dark. In stronger wind feeling like -15C.		
Freezing Level	Terrain frozen inland to lower slopes, but a rise of freezing level in west toward 800m, most rapid near coast; from dusk lifting just above freezing widely higher up.		

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#### The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

Saturday 22 November	Sunday 23 November
Westerly 20 to 25mph, often strongest northern tops. May become more variable toward and beyond dusk for a time.  Feeling noticeably breezy with marked wind chill; may start to affect balance on the most exposed ridges.	Uncertain forecast detail: Likely easterly in range 25 to 35mph, possibly 40mph mainly south; very gusty in places.  Expect blustery conditions, risk considerable buffeting and wind chill over some mountains.
Showery rain west coast, snow inland tops Showery conditions most frequent near to western coasts, here mostly rain toward higher slopes, but showers that push inland falling as snow above 800-900m. Drier eastward.	Patchy rain or hill snow  Most likely small amounts of precipitation, a few local showers, of snow above 700-800m. May be more frequent at times eastern hills, little toward Skye.
Fairly extensive, lowest west  Covering higher mountains most or all day, often shrouding western areas above 800m, sometimes 600m on and near Skye. Highest breaks around Ben Wyvis.	Varied, breaks west  Covering many higher slopes, most persistent around Ben Wyvis to Ben Hope, in places to 600m at times. Further west, cloud higher and more broken at times to upper slopes.
30%	30%
Brief glimpses of sun mostly east. Visibility very good locally below cloud and where dry, but reduced in showers, poor if in snow or constant rain.	A little weak sun mostly west. Visibility very good where dry, reduced if in showers.
0 or 1C inland, up to 2C coasts and Skye. Feeling like -7C directly in the wind.  900 to 1100m, typically highest near to west coast; some lower terrain furthest	Around 0C. Feeling like -10 to -15C if exposed to stronger wind. 800 to 1000m, plus locally frost lower down in the morning.
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#### **Planning Outlook**

#### All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 22 November, 2025

Changes into the weekend as less cold Atlantic air moves in, but higher mountain terrain at least in Scotland staying frozen with snow cover. A complex area of low pressure circulates over Britain through the weekend, retreating to leave briefly northeasterly winds by Monday; areas of rain and some upland snow, mainly Scotland and high tops in northern England. Winds will vary markedly, some lulls, but risk periods of gales. A brief ridge of high pressure gives a lull by Tuesday, then a shift to milder southwesterlies is likely to bring spells of rain and some thawing to higher levels.

#### Forecast issued at 16:00 on Thursday, 20 November, 2025

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