

The Northwest Highlands

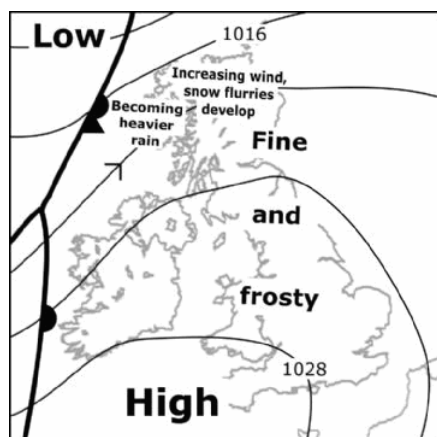
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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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?	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.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60% dropping to 20% west
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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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.

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