

The Northwest Highlands

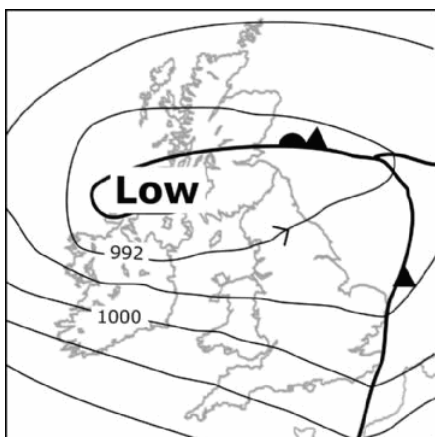
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Sunday, 23 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 November, 2025

Low pressure will dominate the weather bringing areas of strong winds, rain (or snow on higher areas) and extensive fog to the hills - whiteout in places mainly southern Highlands. Windiest in Wales where upland gales will strengthen, whilst least windy S Scotland.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Windy; rain or snow now and again, mostly cloudy. Highest areas frozen.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 23 November, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly, in the range 25 to 35mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Expect arduous walking where exposed; in places sudden gusts will reach lower slopes, most likely toward the west coast. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Occasional rain or on higher tops snow Small amounts of precipitation, particularly western mountains: Showers, or most likely on more eastern areas perhaps an hour or two of rain, or snow above 700-900m.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive; highest cloud base near Skye Persistent fog most mountains, widely above 500 to 700m. Near the coast of Wester Ross and near Skye (west from Kintail to Knoydart), most cloud near or perhaps above 900m
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Less than 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A little weak sun mostly near the west coast in far north. Visibility very varied; areas of persistent fog, but out of cloud widely excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Around 0C. Will feel as cold as minus 10C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	800 to 1050m (poorly defined); some lower areas may still partly frozen.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 24 November	Tuesday 25 November
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northerly, between 20 and 30mph. Will impede ease of walking across the hills, and near precipitation in gusty conditions, balance may be tricky.	Northerly gradually backing west or southwesterly. A prolonged lull of 10-15mph, but perhaps 25mph by dusk Small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent snow and hail showers Succession of hail and above 400m snow showers Sutherland and perhaps western summits in Wester Ross. Elsewhere, occasional showers, but few on mainland south from Torridon.	Little or no precipitation A few brief showers, of hail or snow above about 400m.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Extensively covering higher areas; highest cloud base south from Torridon Cloud base varying as showers come and go: typically 600m, but shafts of cloud below 400m near precipitation, especially far north. Higher cloud base mainland south from Torridon, here breaks to 900m. 10%	Varied; some higher tops clearing, others remaining in cloud. Generally, cloud base 700 to 900m. Cloud will lift off some higher summits, whilst 'hanging' on some slopes and in corries all day. Cloud may begin to shroud west coastal slopes at 300-450m by dusk. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, particularly south of Torridon. Very poor or appalling visibility in snow, but otherwise, very good.	Bursts of bright sunshine. The air very clear so excellent visibility, but fog some valleys and frequently on higher slopes.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-1C. Will feel as cold as minus 10C directly in the wind. 700m.	-1C Around 750m, rising slowly through day. Some frozen ground lower slopes after frost in valleys.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 24 November, 2025

After a brief burst of cold air on Monday and Tuesday winds will turn westerly. It will be milder with a week or more frequent rain and upland gales, particularly on western mountains. In Scotland, temperatures on the Munros will sometimes be below freezing point, but fresh snow transient, whereas elsewhere, snow rare, if any.

Forecast issued at 14:39 on Saturday, 22 November, 2025

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