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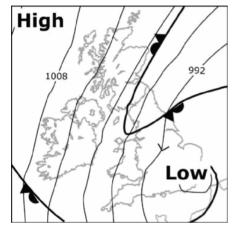
The Northwest Highlands

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 Monday, 24 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 24 November, 2025

Turning cold from north and extensively windy behind an area of low pressure centred over SE England. Snow and hail showers will affect N & E Scotland, whilst further south patchy rain (sleet highest summits), but total rainfall small.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Snow and hail showers, especially north; windy.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 24 November, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly, between 25 and 30mph; least windy later in day. Will impede ease of walking across the hills, and near precipitation in gusty conditions, balance may be tricky.	
Effect of wind on you?		
How wet?	Frequent snow/hail showers; but often dry mainland south from Torridon	
(Precipitation and its impact)	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.	
Cloud on the hills?	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.	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	
Sunshine?	Bursts of sunshine, particularly south of Torridon.	
Air clarity (below cloud)	Very poor or appalling visibility in snow, but otherwise, very good.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C; dropping marginally through the day.	
	Will feel as cold as minus 10C directly in the wind.	
Freezing Level	900m dropping from north toward 700m.	
	Frost some valleys after dawn.	

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The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 25 November	Wednesday 26 November
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northerly gradually backing west or southwesterly. A prolonged lull of 10-15mph, but perhaps 25mph by dusk Small	Southerly 40 to 55mph morning. Will veer west and ease, perhaps to or below 30mph. Some easing through day, but extensively difficult walking where exposed with powerful gusts and considerable wind chill.
How wet?	Little or no precipitation	Rain and drizzle on and off
(Precipitation and its impact)	A few brief showers, of hail or snow above about 400m.	Rain and drizzle (snow above 800m temporarily morning). The rain rarely ceasing western mountains south from Wester Ross, but on and off elsewhere.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied; some higher tops clearing, others remaining in cloud.	Very extensive western mountains, tending to lower elsewhere
	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.	Many higher slopes initially cloud free. Will deteriorate, on western mountains south from Wester Ross, cloud forming from lower slopes up. Elsewhere, slowly filling in across higher slopes, typically 500 to 800m afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	Dropping to 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of bright sunshine. The air very clear so excellent visibility, but fog some valleys and frequently on higher slopes.	Little or no sunshine; becoming extensively dull and misty as visibility drops in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C	-1C rising to 2C. Will feel as cold as minus 14C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Around 750m, rising slowly through day. Some frozen ground lower slopes after frost in valleys.	800m at first; rising abruptly above the summits, in most areas during morning.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 25 November, 2025

As a series of deep Atlantic lows pass north of or across Britain, rainfall be become high particularly on western mountains together with frequent upland gales and low cloud. In Scotland, temperatures on the Munros will sometimes be below freezing point, but fresh snow transient, whereas elsewhere, snow rare, if any.

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