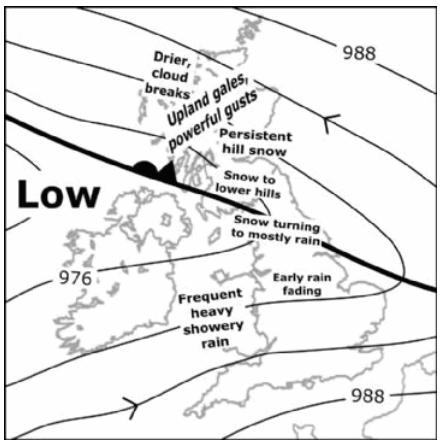
The Northwest Highlands

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 Tuesday, 17 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 17 November, 2026

Easterly gales for the Highlands. A swathe of rain and hill snow central-southern Scotland and northern England, snow falling to lower elevations for a time in Southern Uplands. Patchier snow flurries further north/westward in the Highlands. Heavy showery rain west & south Wales, strong southwesterly winds here.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland gales, patchy flurries; varied cloud, some breaks west.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 17 November, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 45 to 55mph, in places very gusty around high mountains, at times 60mph in places, typically strongest around Skye to Kintail.
Effect of wind on you?	**Difficult conditions across the mountains, severe in places higher up, particularly south; buffeting gusts to lower slopes and significant wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Occasional flurries** Only patchy snow flurries, sleet or rain on lower slopes; very little most west coastal mountains, but light precipitation may be more frequent around Skye.
Cloud on the hills?	**Breaks toward Skye and Torridon** Banks of cloud drifting over higher slopes, may often shroud much high terrain on the mainland, but breaking above the hills at times in west coastal areas of Wester Ross and on Skye if generally drier.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**30%, to local 60% coastal Wester Ross.**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Some bright skies, but little sun due to layers of high cloud. Visibility very good, but some haze in east, reducing elsewhere in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1 or -2C, may lift just above 0C in west. Feeling like -15 to -18C in exposure to wind.
Freezing Level	600-800m, but some terrain lower down partly frozen in morning; tending to rise a little into the afternoon. Some west coast slopes just above freezing higher up.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 18 November	Thursday 19 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 25 to 40mph.	East-northeasterly 20 to 30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	**Strenuous walking with frequent buffeting gusts in places affecting balance in exposure. Significant wind chill.**	**Starting to affect ease of walking on some high terrain. Considerable wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Occasional flurries** Patchy light snow most over north and eastern hill groups; sleet or rain lower slopes.	**Local snow showers** Occasional snow showers or flurries mainly north and eastern areas, may be locally frequent for time near Ben Wyvis, possible hail briefly mixed in.
Cloud on the hills?	**Covering many tops** Varying banks of cloud, but may cover most high tops all day. Some breaks above 1000m mostly near Torridon to Skye.	**Mostly north and east tops** Patches of cloud drifting over higher slopes in areas from Ben Hope to Ben Wyvis, mostly above 800m. Some patches drift westwards, but many tops often clear.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**30%**	**70%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mostly west near Skye. Visibility very good where dry, but reduced at times, poor locally if in snow.	Sunshine best Skye and nearby coast, intermittent sun elsewhere. Visibility very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C. Feeling like -10 to -15C in the wind.	0 to -2C. Feeling like -10C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	700-800m, slightly higher nearest coast.	700-800m, slightly higher near west coast. Frost widely inland glens in morning.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 18 November, 2026

Scottish mountain terrain stays frozen this week and likely into the weekend, plus frost common into the glens. Colder air also drifts back south across England & Wales later this week, though milder air may return briefly by Saturday. Snow flurries mainly eastern and far northern Highlands in the second half of this week, otherwise much of Scotland often dry. Areas of rain and some hill snow for England & Wales. Into next week, uncertainty about the progress of Atlantic weather systems, which may pivot toward the south again, maintaining chilly easterly winds for Scotland at least, with further snow flurries possible, but there may be little precipitation western Highlands.

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