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.)

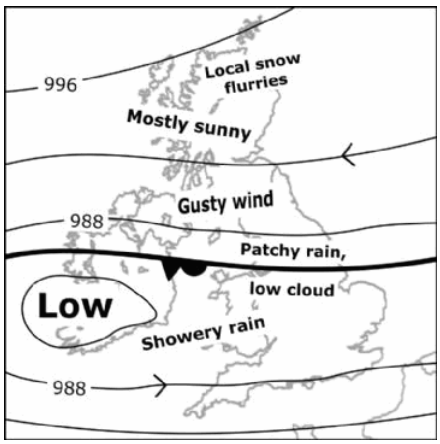
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General Summary for Thursday, 19 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 19 November, 2026

Chilly but fine for much of the Highlands, local snow showers moving inland from the Moray Firth. Brisk easterly winds for Scotland and northern England. Murky with rain over the Pennines, snow higher tops, drier for Lake District. Low cloud for east Wales, clearer west; showery in south Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Occasional snow showers north and east, sunnier west; breezy.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 19 November, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	East-northeasterly 20 to 30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	**Starting to affect ease of walking on some high terrain. Considerable wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Scattered snow showers north and east** Generally dry western mountains. Occasional snow showers or flurries mainly north and eastern areas, very locally more frequent for time near Ben Wyvis, possible hail briefly mixed in.
Cloud on the hills?	**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?	**70%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine best Skye and nearby coast, intermittent sun elsewhere. Visibility very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 to -2C. Feeling like -10C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	700-800m, slightly higher near west coast. Frost widely inland glens in morning.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 20 November	Saturday 21 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	Northeasterly then variable, 10-15mph or less.	Variable direction below 10mph. Later rising east-southeasterly 20-25mph, soonest Skye; may rise further into night.
Effect of wind on you?	**Small.**	**Mostly small, but feeling more noticeably chilly in exposure later as wind strengthens.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Local snow showers north** Snow showers mostly northern areas, locally more frequent around Ben Hope; possible brief hail. Often dry Wester Ross to Great Glen, an odd brief shower toward Skye.	**Largely dry** Rare snow flurries mostly coastal areas toward the north.
Cloud on the hills?	**Mostly north and eastern tops** Some cloud banks drifting over higher slopes most often in north and east from Ben Hope to Ben Wyvis above 800m, briefly lower near showers. Further west, odd patches, but many hills often clear.	**Little or none** Fragments of cloud mostly around northern tops.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**40% north/east, to 70% west.**	**90%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine most frequent Skye to Kintail, occasional sun further north. Visibility excellent, locally reduced in any showers. Possibly local mist in glens.	Extensive sunshine and superb visibility. Patchy fog in some glens.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 to -2C, coldest on northern tops.	-2C, to nearer 0C around Skye.
Freezing Level	700-800m, but on and near Skye slightly higher, locally 900m. Frost inland glens in the morning.	Much inland terrain frozen in morning, partial thawing sunlit slopes up to 600-800m, highest around west coast.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 20 November, 2026

Staying below freezing over Scottish mountains into the weekend and next week, varying around freezing for tops in northern England, at times milder for Wales. Frost common into valleys and glens. A few snow showers in northeastern Scotland on Friday, otherwise plenty of dry weather and sunshine into the weekend; patchy fog on some low ground. A risk of rain moving into Wales into Sunday, may fall as snow on hills. Light winds for most places on Saturday, then stronger east-southeasterlies on Sunday, which may bring cloud onto some eastern hills. Next week sees weather systems pushing in from the Atlantic with some strong winds, rain and hill snow in the outlook.

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