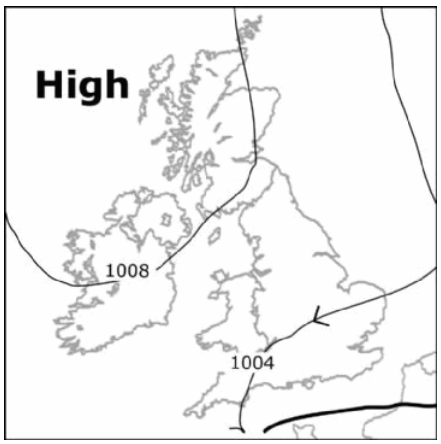
The Northwest Highlands

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, 20 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 20 November, 2026

Most of Britain fine and sunny but snow showers far north and cloud and a little rain will clear gradually southward from S Pennines and N Wales - persisting S Wales. Across Scotland, terrain extensively frozen, and partly frozen southward into N England.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Snow, mainly flurries far north. Terrain mostly frozen.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 20 November, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly 10 to perhaps 15mph Sutherland andBen Wyvis after dawn. Becoming variable, less than 10mph, soon near Skye and then eastwards through daylight.
Effect of wind on you?	**Negligible**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Snow and hail showers: total precipitation small** Snow and hail showers or increasingly flurries, mostlt Sutherland morning. Precipitation rare if any east Skye and south of Wester Ross.
Cloud on the hills?	**Many mountains cloud free, but some patches, mainly near showers.** Cloud banks drifting over higher slopes most often Sutherland and close to the coast above 800m, briefly 500m. Otherwise, mountains mostly cloud free, although here and there pockets of fog persisting for some hours higher slopes - mainly corries,
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**40% Sutherland; 80% elsewhere**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine, least frequent Sutherland. Visibility excellent - temporarily poor near precipitation.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C
Freezing Level	750m Lower terrain at least partly frozen, particularly valleys, after a frost.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 21 November	Sunday 22 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	Variable direction below 10mph. Later easterly, rising toward 20mph, soonest Skye; may rise further into night.	Easterly 20 to 30mph, locally very gusty, sometimes on lower slopes.
Effect of wind on you?	**Mostly negligible**	**Marked wind chill and sometimes abruptly gusty winds will make balance difficult in places; sometimes on lower slopes.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Risk snow flurries, most likely Sutherland** Rare snow flurries mostly coastal areas toward the north.	**Precipitation not expected**
Cloud on the hills?	**Little or none** Fragments of cloud mostly around northern tops.	**Little if any**
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**Greater than 90%**	**80%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensive sunshine and superb visibility. Patchy fog in some glens.	Bright sunshine. Visibility excellent or superb.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C, to nearer 0C around Skye.	-2C. Will feel as cold as minus 10C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Much inland terrain frozen in morning, partial thawing sunlit slopes up to 600-800m, highest around west coast.	650m. Terrain frozen or partly frozen lower slopes, particularly those out of the sun.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 21 November, 2026

High pressure will bring a fine sunny weekend but extensively frozen terrain to most mountain areas. Bu Sunday, strengthening SE wind western Britain, and a band of rain will have edged into SW Wales - its exact penetration as yet uncertain.

Early next week, fronts and less cold conditions together with areas of upland gales will extend across Britain, turning to snow some higher areas. Nevertheless, total precipitation small N/NE Scotland.

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