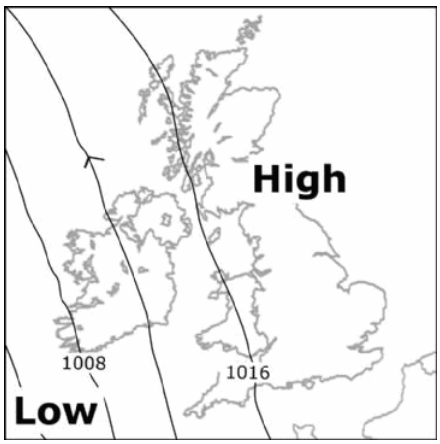
The Northwest Highlands

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.)

Skye Basecamp - a brand new climber's hostel run by Skye Guides mountain guiding
Visit www.skyebasecamp.co.uk to book your stay

General Summary for Saturday, 21 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 21 November, 2026

Fine, cold and light wind most areas. Bright sunshine widely but the ground frozen or partly frozen. Less cold with cloud coming and going Wales, and also cloudy for periods southern Scotland and Cumbria with chance of a little light precipitation.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Terrain nearly all frozen. Bright sunshine, slowly strengthening wind.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 21 November, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Variable direction almost calm post dawn. Will become easterly 10, locally 15mph by midday and 15 to locally 25mph by sunset. Sudden gusts, some on lower slopes, particularly near the coast.
Effect of wind on you?	**Mostly negligible; in afternoon will begin to impact ease of walking and give marked wind chlll.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Risk snow flurries, most likely Sutherland** Rare a few snow flurries morning near the north coast.
Cloud on the hills?	**Little or none** Fragments of cloud higher slopes near showers and chance pockets of fog on.a few higher slopes, most likely in corries.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**Greater than 90%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensive sunshine and superb visibility. Risk fog in some glens.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C, nearer 0C Skye.
Freezing Level	Much inland terrain frozen in morning, partial thawing sunlit slopes up to 600-800m, highest around west coast.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 22 November	Monday 23 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 20 to 30mph, locally very gusty, sometimes on lower slopes.	Southeasterly 20 to 30mph, strongest western mountains, particularly those near Skye.
Effect of wind on you?	**Marked wind chill and sometimes abruptly gusty winds will make balance difficult in places; sometimes on lower slopes.**	**Fairly small, particularly eastern summits, but higher up marked wind chill and significant buffeting elsewhere.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Precipitation not expected**	**Precipitation not expected**
Cloud on the hills?	**Little if any**	**Little if any**
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**Greater than 90%**	**80%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine. Visibility excellent or superb.	Bright sunshine and excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C. Will feel as cold as minus 10C directly in the wind.	-1C to on some more western slopes 2C. Will feel as cold as minus 8C in the wind.
Freezing Level	800m. Terrain largely frozen lower slopes, particularly those out of the sun.	Generally 800m, but toward the coast 1000m or above. Lower areas partly frozen after a frost sheltered valleys.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 22 November, 2026

Extensively dry and cold conditions will tend to be eroded away from the west only slowly early next week as high pressure to the east gives way only slowly. Rain, or on higher areas, particularly Scotland, snow, will occasionally make inroads into Wales on Sunday and Monday before the precipitation, together with strong winds progresses across the country. Further bands of precipitation will follow, together with areas of upland gale and low cloud. All in all temperature levels remaining below normal.

Forecast issued at 12:28 on Friday, 20 November, 2026

The Production of the Scottish forecasts is fully funded by sportscotland. Forecasts are issued daily by 16:30 and are kept under review and amended as necessary. However, expected conditions can still change after issue. © Copyright Mountain Weather Information Service, 2026.