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.)

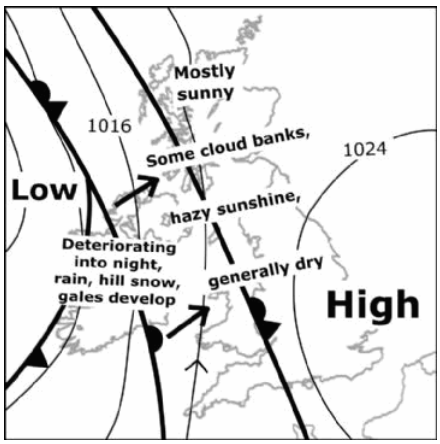
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General Summary for Monday, 23 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 23 November, 2026

A largely fine day but a chilly southeasterly breeze - windier near west coasts. Sunniest northern Scotland. Remnants of a front toward west - some patchy cloud on southern hill groups in Scotland; some lower fog / cloud banks south Wales. Deteriorating from southwest into night.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Blustery west coast; patchy cloud Skye, otherwise sunny.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 23 November, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly 20 to 30mph, strongest western mountains, particularly those near Skye. Will strengthen into evening and night to reach 40-50mph, particularly in west.
Effect of wind on you?	**Fairly small, particularly eastern summits, but higher up marked wind chill and some buffeting in exposure in west. Deteriorating onward into the night.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Precipitation not expected**
Cloud on the hills?	**Little if any** Occasional patches may drift onto higher slopes of Skye, mostly south Cuillin. Otherwise the mountains extensively clear.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**80% Skye to above 90% most places.**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine and excellent visibility. Some thin patchy cloud far west.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C to on some more western slopes 2C. Will feel as cold as minus 8C in the wind.
Freezing Level	Generally 800m, but toward the coast 1000m or above. Lower areas partly frozen after a frost sheltered glens.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 24 November	Wednesday 25 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southeasterly, strengthening quickly with height a very gusty 40-60mph. Ferocious gusts; some reaching valleys.	South-southeasterly 15 to 25mph, but risk up to 40mph more northeastern hill groups early in the day, may ease only slowly.
Effect of wind on you?	**Severe wind chill and very difficult walking where exposed. Gusts may well knock you over - even on some lower slopes.**	**Fairly small most western mountains, but toward Ben Hope and Ben Wyvis, risk more blustery and significant chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Periods of rain and snow** An area of rain, or away from coastal mountains, snow above 400 to 800m, will extend northeastwards. Heaviest and most persistent precipitation likely Skye, though some breaks.	**Patchy snow flurries** Many western mountains substantially dry, but here and there some light snow or sleet falling occasionally.
Cloud on the hills?	**Mostly confined to higher slopes** Most or all hills starting cloud free. In precipitation, cloud base will drop, generally to around 900m, but in places below 600m.	**Some breaks develop west** Varying banks of cloud may be fairly extensive across hills in the morning, likely to persist in more eastern areas, whilst western mountains see some breaks form.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**40%**	**30%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Here and there sunshine temporarily as cloud thins. Visibility very poor in precipitation, but often very good.	Little if any weak sun due to layers of high cloud. Visibility mostly very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Varied: 2 to -2C, generally highest near the coast. Will feel as cold as minus 15C in the wind.	1 to 3C, warmest far northwest; small variation with height inland mountains. Feeling like -10C if in stronger wind.
Freezing Level	Very varied: between 600m and mainly near the coast, above the summits.	1000m or above. Some lower terrain partly frozen, frost particularly inland glens in the morning.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 24 November, 2026

Staying near or below freezing across most mountains with below-average temperatures for late November, much higher terrain persistently frozen and regular frosts into valleys and glens. Some rain, sleet and hill snow on Tuesday as a front drifts in from the west, but then fizzles out into Wednesday. East or southeasterly winds prevail into midweek and beyond, with snow flurries focused on more southeastern hill groups in the Highlands, at times the Borders and Pennine areas. In the extended outlook toward next weekend and beyond, there is uncertainty about the extent of incoming Atlantic fronts and scope for further snowfalls, or any pushes of milder air trying to arrive. A more 'blocked' chillier easterly driven weather regime may well prevail into early December.

Forecast issued at 15:00 on Sunday, 22 November, 2026

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