

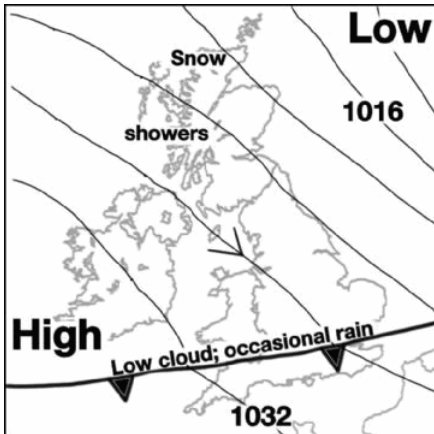
# The Northwest Highlands

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, 27 January, 2022



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 27 January, 2022**

Windy. Low cloud and patches of rain will clear southward across Wales. Otherwise, a drop in freezing level will bring snow showers to Scotland (mainly west and north), and bursts of sun. Although a rise in cloud base, most western mountains will remain shrouded in cloud.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland gales or near gales. Snow showers, sometimes frequent.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 27 January, 2022

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Northwesterly 35 to 45mph, although some areas may have a slight lull for a few hours.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking widely arduous, and for periods, particularly on higher summits difficult.</b> Significant wind chill.
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Snow showers</b> Hail and snow showers, rain generally below 500m. During morning, the precipitation frequent for periods. Overall least precipitation near the Great Glen.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Almost constantly covering higher areas</b> Cloud base fluctuating, typically between 500 and 750m, although a few breaks higher up, mostly toward Great Glen, where by afternoon cloud rarely below 900m.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>10% most areas, but by afternoon, 40% toward Great Glen</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, bursts of sun well inland, mainly near Great Glen. Visibility very good, but very poor in precipitation.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-1C. Will feel as cold as minus 15C directly in the wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	750m

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 28 January	Saturday 29 January
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Westerly winds increasing markedly through the day to reach 50 to 75 mph. Very strong gusts reaching lower slopes. <b>Walking will increasingly be very difficult and serious where exposed to the high winds.</b>	Upland gales and gusty. North westerly 40 to 50mph, at first will ease a little later in the day. <b>Difficult and serious walking conditions where exposed to wind. Gusts may throw you off balance.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Heavy rain moving in</b> Coastal drizzle will turn to heavy rain - probably by midday - as front moves over the area from the north west.	<b>Persistent rain in morning</b> Soon showery after overnight rain. The showers of hail, and snow down to 350m.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive near coast</b>  Extensive cloud from lowest slopes upwards in coastal regions. Cloud base will be marginally higher inland but will soon lower as rain moves in.	<b>Extensively covering higher areas</b>  Cloud base will vary quickly, dropping below 600m near showers, but breaks to 900, perhaps 1000m well inland.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Dull and hazy when not in cloud with little or no sunshine.	Occasional sunshine, and often good visibility, although poor in snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	3C  Above summits	Dropping to -2C during morning  Above the summits pre dawn, soon 1000m band 600m into afternoon.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 28 January, 2022**

Westerly winds, sometimes exceeding gale force at least in Scotland will continue until into next month. There will be frequent rainfall on western mountains; copious on the W & NW Highlands, where as temperatures oscillate, there will be both rain and snow - over time, the snow accumulation on the Munros. Further south, only occasionally will freezing levels be low, with most precipitation as rain.

There remains uncertainty later Sunday (30th) when a small low may bring significant snow to the Scottish Highlands.

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