

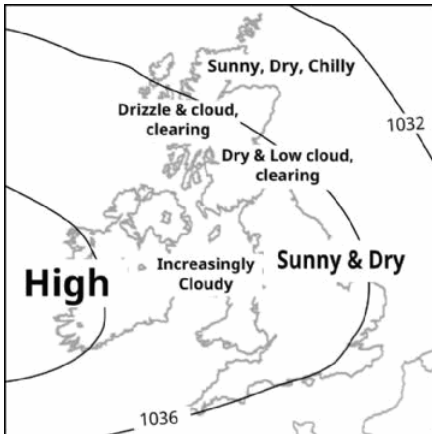
The Northwest Highlands

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 Wednesday, 13 November, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 November, 2024

Mix of sun and often very low clouds covering the hills. In Highlands most sunshine afternoon, in Peak District and south Wales sunny most of the day. Southern Pennines and Lakes much sunnier than northern parts. Mild, light winds, chance for inversion conditions on the Munros.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Cloudy, drizzly and dull start, often becoming sunny

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 13 November, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly ranging from 25-30mph near Skye and east to Kintail and summits near Great Glen, to 35-40mph far north.
Effect of wind on you?	Especially in Sutherland, expect considerable wind chill and buffeting where exposed throughout the day. Walking in places arduous.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly showers, particularly west coast Drizzly rain on and off; particularly western mountains. Probably dry for several hours during the afternoon. Elsewhere likely dry all day.
Cloud on the hills?	Blanket of fog over the hills - some improvement afternoon Frequent fog across the hills, cloud base typically 200-400m near the coast, and 400 to 600m on easternmost summits, here cloud often fully breaking afternoon. Sutherland and Ben Hope clear most of the day.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20% rising to 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Chance for some sun and very good visibility toward the afternoon, earlier dull and often misty. Sutherland first to clear. Visibility becoming excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	7C - may drop toward 2C far north by dusk.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 14 November	Friday 15 November
<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>West to northwesterly, on Skye and near Great Glen mostly 10-15mph, north of Ullapool 20-30mph.</p> <p>Blustery in the north, gusty, walking impeded and significant wind chill. Toward Cuillin and Kintail mostly small.</p>	<p>Southwesterly turning westerly, 45 to 60mph, in the far north perhaps even more. Very gusty.</p> <p>Severe in the far north, elsewhere movement very difficult, balance very hard to keep.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Drizzle or light rain in places</p> <p>Occasional drizzle on the western coastal hills, most likely around Ullapool, toward Ben Hope and on hills north of Torridon.</p>	<p>Frequent rain, becoming persistent</p> <p>Showers on and off, rain becoming persistent and heavy for a time during the afternoon.</p> <p>Sutherland and Ben Wyvis may escape dry most of the day, here rain firstly in the afternoon.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p>	<p>Extensive</p> <p>Low cloud extensively covering the hills above 300-600m, lowest cloud base in the north toward the end of the day. Highest tops above 1000m may stick out of the cloud.</p>	<p>Extensive</p> <p>Cloud covering higher tops all day, lower slopes may clear at times but likely in cloud most of the day.</p>
<p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>20%</p>	<p>10%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Glimpses of sun toward the Great Glen, elsewhere overcast. Good visibility if not in cloud.</p>	<p>Overcast with often poor visibility.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>4 to 7C. Temperature generally rising with height.</p> <p>Above the summits. Possible morning frost in some glens and often in depressions.</p>	<p>5-6C, rapidly decreasing in the evening.</p> <p>Starting well above the summits, but rapidly decreasing in the evening down to 700m.</p>

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 14 November, 2024

High pressure lasting until Friday, ending with a cold front coming from the northwest, what marks the end of fairly dry and mild period. On Saturday, the front will pass over Britain, reaching central England by the end of the day. bringing some rain to most hilly areas. Drastic cooling and big pressure drop behind the front. On Sunday and start of next week, in low pressure, frequent showers are expected, with snow on the hills, snowflakes even down to valleys and towns. In the Highlands snow may reach significant depths rapidly, meaning truly winter conditions fairly early in the season.

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