

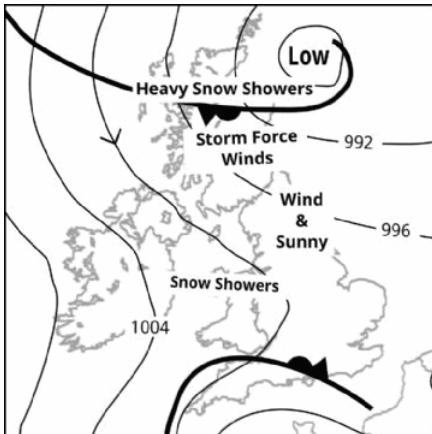
# The Northwest Highlands

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, 21 November, 2024



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 21 November, 2024**

Heavy snow showers with gales in the Highlands. Southern Scotland and northern England mostly sunny, cold, windy at times, only isolated snowfall near the coasts. In Wales changeable conditions, from snowfall and whiteouts to sunny spells with a few clouds. Chilly.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Frequent snowfall, upland gales, very cold and dull

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 21 November, 2024

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	North-northwesterly, varying - often 35 to 45mph, sometimes less. Strongest in the morning, at dawn speeds may exceed 50mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Conditions difficult, movement becoming almost impossible at times, balance hard to keep. Strong wind chill. Easing just a little afternoon.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Snow showers, often heavy</b> Hills covered by snow, in the north locally 30-50cm. Frequent snow and hail showers in all areas, at times heavy, most common near northern and northwestern coastal hills. Risk isolated lightning mainly near coast. Locally high additional snow amounts (+15cm).
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Frequent</b> Cloud almost persistent, especially on the northern and western coast. Further inland hills partly clear, but snow showers may strongly reduce visibility.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Chance occasional sun, but most hills cloudy and murky. Visibility varying from good to prolonged whiteouts in snow showers.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-4 to -1C. Feeling below -10C in wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Near 500m by the coast, inland 100-300m. Rising a little through the day.

**The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead**

	<b>Friday 22 November</b>	<b>Saturday 23 November</b>
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Northwesterly 20-25mph at start, easing to less than 15mph, becoming variable.	Southeasterly 60 to 85mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>At start moving around locally strenuous, wind may affect balance on ridges. Becoming small.</b>	<b>Severe conditions, any activity on the exposed ridges highly dangerous regardless of experience.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Snow showers becoming rare</b> Snow and hail showers, becoming rare, often totally fading out in the morning. Especially toward Great Glen likely dry, probably all day. Risk lightning.	<b>Heavy snowfall, changing into rain</b> Firstly dry, in the morning moderate to heavy snowfall starting on Cuillin, gradually extending northwards. Snowfall fairly persistent, afternoon gradual transition into rain.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Covered from time to time</b>  Layers of low cloud may appear on various levels especially in and after showers, mostly on hills near the coast. Cloud unlikely below 600m. Nevertheless, hills most of the time clear.	<b>Hills covered extensively, whiteout</b>  Hills fully covered, very likely all day. Perhaps early morning a few clear spots in the north and east, but soon getting covered.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>10%, best early morning northeast</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Morning clouds dissipating, giving place for sunshine, most frequent on south and southeastern hills. Visibility excellent, poor in local showers.	Overcast, zero visibility, whiteout. Perhaps just briefly brighter at the start of the day toward northeast.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-2 or -3C, 0C on & near Skye	Rising from -5C to +3C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	400-600m, rising a little through the day. Well inland down to valley bottom in the morning.	Variable, at first near sea level inland, 300-500m close to the coast. Rising to above the summits afternoon.

**Planning Outlook**

**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 22 November, 2024**

Weekend will start with heavy snowfall for many mountains. With significant warming, from Saturday afternoon change into snow, perhaps locally freezing rain for a while. On Sunday frequent rain, freezing level above all summits. On both weekend days severe winds even in the valleys! Next week will start with some cooling, mix of rain and snow showers, then dry for Tuesday and Wednesday. Wednesday night another warm front will move over the UK southwest to northeast, bringing rain and strong winds. Later, milder and moderately wet.

**Forecast issued at 15:34 on Wednesday, 20 November, 2024**

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