

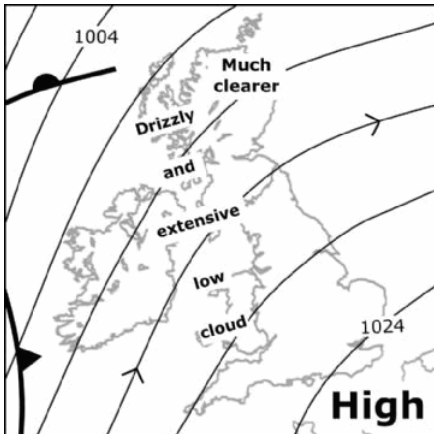
# The Northwest Highlands

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 Saturday, 30 November, 2024



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 30 November, 2024

Southerly winds widely gale force over higher terrain, very gusty to some lower slopes. Small amounts of rain in total, but generally damp on western hills with drizzle and light rain plus extensive low cloud. Clearer and largely dry toward the northeast of major hill groups. Mild air, but marked wind chill over the hills.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland gales, gusty. Damp with low cloud west, clearer northeast.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 30 November, 2024

<p><b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>South to southwesterly typically 50mph, but very gusty, some sudden gusts lower slopes.                  Strengthening further toward &amp; after dusk, reaching 70mph late evening into night.</p> <p><b>Where exposed significant wind chill and difficult walking - balance sometimes difficult. Powerful gusts lower slopes.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p><b>Frequent rain Skye and nearby coasts</b></p> <p>Rain or drizzle most or all day on Skye, inland to Kintail, Torridon and most of Wester Ross; total amounts small, but making surfaces very wet.                  Further northeast, more often dry; some spots in the wind.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p> <p><b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b></p>	<p><b>Persistently very low most coastal hills; breaks toward east.</b></p> <p>Extensive cloud from lowest slopes up near Skye, Kintail and coastal Wester Ross. Further north and east, local breaks in the cloud, some hills frequently clearer across Sutherland. Cloud may fill in more widely afternoon.</p> <p><b>Almost nil near Skye to 70% N/E.</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Mostly overcast and dull with poor visibility across western hills. Bright sun breaking through north of major ranges (toward Loch Broom/Ullapool and above many eastward draining valleys).</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b></p> <p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>5C.                  Will feel near -10C directly in the wind.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 1 December	Monday 2 December
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southwesterly 45 to 60mph, up to 70mph coastal mountains from dawn; speeds lessening only gradually. <b>Difficult conditions and significant wind chill, particularly western areas. May start to improve a little into afternoon.</b>	Northerly around 30mph, but may drop much lighter during the afternoon. <b>Prepare for bitterly cold conditions on the mountains. Some buffeting, but may improve during daytime.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain most frequent near Skye</b> Rain on and off west coastal mountains, more persistent Skye to Torridon, some heavier showery rain, may become more constant heavier rain later in day. Small amounts Ben Wyvis area. Then snow to lowering elevations into night.	<b>Snow showers</b> Showers with snow falling to lower slopes, possible hail; most frequent near to coasts in the north and west, occasionally pushing further inland.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive west, higher with breaks inland</b> Covering Cuillin and coastal mountains in Wester Ross above 600 to 800m much of the day. Further inland cloud often above 800m, some breaks to tops best in east.	<b>Varied over higher tops</b> Cloud base changing in and out of showers; likely to come and go above 800m all day, patches at times to 600m. Breaks to tops frequent near Great Glen.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>10% west, to 30% east.</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally cloudy, local rare glimpses of sun in the east. Slight haze in west, visibility good away from rain in east.	Bursts of bright sunshine and very clear air away from showers, but visibility suddenly very poor in snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b> <b>Freezing Level</b>	4C, lowering during day, 2C by dusk in west, then dropping sub-zero into night. Daytime wind chill feeling like -10C. Above the summits all day, but dropping sharply by Sunday night, below 600m before dawn on Monday.	-4C. Wind chill feeling like -15C in the morning.  400 to 500m; beware of icy surfaces. Soon frosty into glens by evening.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 1 December, 2024

After a mild weekend with strong southerly winds, it turns rapidly much colder again into Monday as winds switch temporarily northerly. Showers with snow falling over the mountains, to lower elevations in Scotland. Staying chilly with further periods of hill snow into midweek, but some windows of fine weather under transient areas of high pressure. Then later in the week through next weekend, a more turbulent southwesterly pattern, bringing stormy winds; fluctuating temperatures above and below freezing on the mountains with a mix of rain and upland snow.

### Forecast issued at 15:00 on Friday, 29 November, 2024

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