

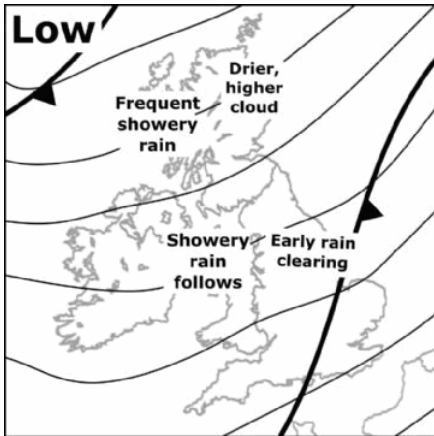
The Northwest Highlands

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 Sunday, 1 December, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 1 December, 2024

Windy, gales across the mountains, although strongest speeds early in day tending to lessen. Rain most frequent in west, showery bursts. Early rain clears east across the Pennines. Much colder air arrives from northwest into night, with snow on Scottish mountains.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland gales. Often raining Skye & nearby coast.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 1 December, 2024

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Southwesterly 45 to 60mph, up to 70mph coastal mountains from dawn; speeds lessening only gradually.</p> <p>Into night, after a brief lull, abruptly switching northerly 40-50mph.</p> <p>Difficult conditions and significant wind chill, particularly western areas. May start to improve a little into afternoon.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Rain most frequent near Skye</p> <p>Rain on and off west coastal mountains, more persistent Skye to Torridon, some heavier showery rain, becoming more constant heavier rain later in day. Small amounts Ben Wyvis area. Then snow to lowering elevations into night.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Extensive west, higher with breaks inland</p> <p>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.</p> <p>10% west, to 30% east.</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Generally cloudy, local rare glimpses of sun in the east.</p> <p>Slight haze in west, visibility good away from rain in east.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>4C, lowering during day, 2C by dusk in west, then dropping sub-zero into night.</p> <p>Daytime wind chill feeling like -10C.</p> <p>Above the summits all day, but dropping sharply by Sunday night, below 600m before dawn on Monday.</p>

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 2 December	Tuesday 3 December
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northerly around 30mph, but may drop much lighter during the afternoon. Prepare for bitterly cold conditions on the mountains. Some buffeting, but may improve during daytime.	Southerly, likely strengthening - timing very uncertain - 20 to 40mph, risk 50mph for a few hours especially west coastal hills. Beware of changing conditions: may result in arduous walking conditions, increasingly significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow showers Showers with snow falling to lower slopes, possible hail; most frequent near to coasts in the north and west, occasionally pushing further inland.	Risk of snow moving in from west Likely to start dry, possibly dry all day east and northern areas. Risk of snow moving in from the west, initially flurries, later more persistent, turning wet on low-mid slopes near western coasts.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Varied over higher tops 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. 30%	Very little; developing on Skye Fragments around some slopes, but many mountains clear. Patches forming more readily on southern Cuillin, may fill in further near to west coast with time. 70%, later 30% west.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of bright sunshine and very clear air away from showers, but visibility suddenly very poor in snow.	Sun mainly in east weakening as layers of high cloud thicken from west, later overcast. Visibility excellent, becoming hazier toward west coast.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-4C. Wind chill feeling like -15C in the morning. 400 to 500m; beware of icy surfaces. Soon frosty into glens by evening.	-4C rising to -2C, nearer 0C Skye & west coast; rising more widely to 0C into night. Wind chill -10 to -15C as speeds increase. Most terrain frozen, hard frost inland glens at dawn; lifting to 500m coasts, then toward upper slopes evening into night.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 2 December, 2024

Much colder again by Monday as winds switch temporarily northerly. Showers with snow falling over the mountains, to lower elevations in Scotland. Clear and frosty into early Tuesday then a front approaches from the west to bring snow later in the day and overnight into Wednesday, may clear into Wednesday daytime. 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.

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