

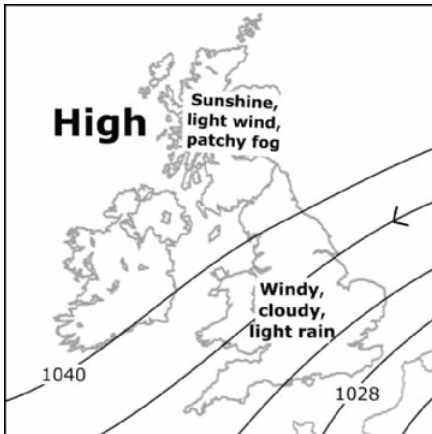
The Northwest Highlands

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 Monday, 9 December, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 9 December, 2024

Calm and sunny conditions for the Highlands, some fog in the glens, plus frost. Chilly northeasterly winds for England & Wales, bringing cloud banks onto eastern hills and locally an odd light shower; dry and often sunny western areas.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Little wind. Dry, sunshine, patchy fog in glens.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 9 December, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Direction varied; 10mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	Negigible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation not expected
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Almost certain
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine and excellent or superb visibility - above mist/fog in a few valleys.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0C - but above an inversion, warmer air on higher summits will extend downslope, rising to around +5C.
Freezing Level	Poorly defined freezing level: Partly frozen lower slopes after a frost. Above about 600m, terrain frozen.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 10 December	Wednesday 11 December
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwest to westerly 10 to in far north 20mph. It may be almost windless near Skye. Mostly negligible	Westerly 10-15mph or less. Negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain very unlikely	Possible drizzle west A little fine drizzle may drift onto coastal slopes in the west.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Little if any Patches may affect westernmost slopes above 450m - but higher slopes likely above the cloud. 90%	Low cloud covering western mountains Low cloud most likely over west coastal mountains, but risk extending widely across the hills. Some highest summits may be just above cloud layer or between cloud banks. Eastern hills may be clear. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine and superb visibility, although possible cloud and increasing haze (mainly lower slopes) near west coast.	Cloudy and misty near to west coast. Some summits may see sunshine just above fog layer.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5C (lower slopes colder). Above the summits: but nearly all terrain frozen from valleys up after a frost.	5C, or slightly lower west coastal hills. Terrain widely at least partly frozen, with frost in many glens away from the coast.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 10 December, 2024**

High pressure centred over Scotland will dominate the weather until later this week. Winds gradually ease over England and Wales, whilst almost calm across much of Scotland. It will be extensively dry. Frost in valleys and glens most night, plus areas of low-level fog. Higher terrain substantially frozen, although air temperature will be several degrees above freezing above an inversion. Toward next weekend, as the high weakens and moves south, rain bearing fronts and stronger winds will increasingly affect at least northern Britain. Temperatures likely to fluctuate with some periods of thaw, but possibly still often sub-zero at least on Scottish mountains during mid-December.

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