

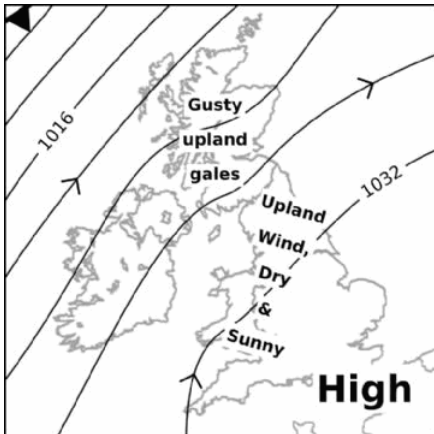
The Northwest Highlands

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, 16 January, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 January, 2025

Almost all mountains cloud free but low level fog coming in off the south and west coasts and rolling up some coastal uplands and mountains. Many summits warmer than their mid-slopes. Sudden increase of wind with height; very gusty gales in the Highlands. Hazy low down in some areas; superb visibility from high ground.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Gusty upland gales; nearly all summits cloud free

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 16 January, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southwesterly; strengthening markedly with height to 45mph, to 60mph locally near the west coast.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult walking conditions and severe wind chill, particularly near the coast. Expect considerable buffeting in powerful gusts.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Dry inland; some drizzle near west coast Any overnight rain soon clearing to leave occasional patches of drizzle near the west coast and on the Cuillin in particular. Not penetrating inland very far at all.
Cloud on the hills?	Nearly all summits cloud free - low cloud may cover at least part of Skye Mountains cloud free, but on Skye, and immediate west coast, there may be areas of cloud from around 200 to 300m up with the top of the cloud between 750 and 900m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensive bright sunshine and superb visibility; perhaps dull and misty Skye.
How Cold? (at 900m)	8C, but 4C where in cloud on Skye. Slightly cooler on the mid-slopes. Will feel as cold as minus 10C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 17 January	Saturday 18 January
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 60 to 70mph in the morning, then easing slightly to 45 to 55mph. Very gusty on down slopes. Mobility incredibly difficult where exposed to the full strength of the wind. Downslope gusts may easily blow you over at times. Significant wind chill.	Gusty southwesterly 30 to 45mph, some variation up and down through the day. Your balance will be affected on high ground. Beware gusts throwing you further off balance on down-slope slopes. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and drizzle on and off Rain and drizzle on and off through the day, most often on Skye. Will be most persistent near the west coast with very little, if any, reaching Ben Wyvis.	Not expected
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Cloud will shroud summits from lower slopes up near the west coast. Cloud base rising progressively to the east and on Ben Wyvis will be around 600m.	Very little if any
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine. Very poor visibility.	Patchy sunshine, possibly weakened by high cloud. Excellent visibility becoming superb on high ground. Hazy over the North Minch.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	7C but cooler on the mid-slopes. Feeling as cold as -10C in the wind. Above the summits.	2 to 4C. Chance of being warmer on the highest summits if inversion level lowers. Feeling around -10C in the wind. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 17 January, 2025**

Rain moving in some areas from the west on Sunday and Monday before high pressure starts building again and suppressing any rainfall to pockets of drizzle. Conditions may become gloomy low down as cloud is trapped below inversion; summits likely to remain clear with superb visibility. Freeze-thaw cycles will resume on the Scottish mountains though next week.

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