

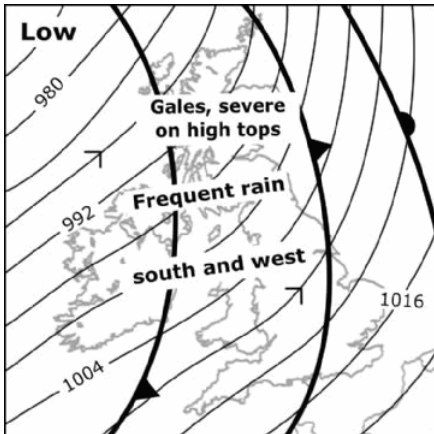
The Northwest Highlands

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, 20 February, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 20 February, 2025

Gale force winds widespread across the mountains. South and west areas will often be rainy, most persistent near coasts, some heavy bursts at times moving inland. Less rain further east & northeast. Extensive low cloud shrouding the hills.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Gales widely. Cloudy with rainy spells.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 20 February, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly 45-55mph, a slight southwesterly turn in the afternoon. Strongest winds will be along the west coast with highest gusts here up to 65mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous to difficult with considerable buffeting. You may struggle to stay on your feet in highest winds. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Often raining Skye, spells mainland Rain most of the day near Skye/Torrion, some heavier spells. Several spells into most areas through the day, longest dry spells east. Near the west coast, chance of isolated lightning in heavier bursts.
Cloud on the hills?	Widely foggy, some higher bases northeast Low cloud will be widespread near Skye, bases usually down to lower slopes. Bases may rise at times towards the northeast, through most terrain mostly shrouded. Some lifting bases or patchy clearing in the northeast around dusk.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun. Mostly poor visibility, very poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5C, cooling through the afternoon towards 2C. Less cooling in the northeast. Feeling like -10C in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits most of the day. Freezing temperatures set in as low as 1100m as dusk approaches.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 21 February	Saturday 22 February
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly 60-80mph for most of daylight. Any mobility very difficult. Severe wind chill.	Southwesterly 35-45mph. Highest winds always in the northwest, up to 55mph possible before noon. Walking strenuous, at times arduous. You may be blown over in highest gusts. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Very wet Skye, drier towards northeast Rain fairly persistent near Skye. Often rainy east of here too and along the west coast, driest northeast.	West coast showers Fairly persistent rain onto Skye. Occasional light showers on west coast mountains, sleet or snow above 1000m.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Widely foggy, some higher bases north Cloud down to lowest slopes at Skye and Torridon. Higher bases north and east but most high terrain stays shrouded. 30%	Foggy Skye, patchy or clearing north/east Cloud banks quite persistent Skye and Torridon, bases often near 700m. More patchy along the west coast, intermittently clear east. 50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine. Mostly poor visibility, very poor in rain.	Patchy or intermittent sun, best near Great Glen. Good visibility out of rain, excellent east.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	6 to 7C most of the day. Cooling in the afternoon towards 4C. Feeling as cold as -12C in wind. Above the summits.	2C Feeling like -10C in the wind. 1200m

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 21 February, 2025**

Frequent rain and periods of gale or storm force upland wind over the next several days. All terrain will have thawed by the weekend, though on Saturday, higher Scottish summits will be below freezing and over England and Wales there will be a lull in the wind. Deteriorating again widely into Sunday. Becoming very wet underfoot on western mountains.

Next week sees lower temperatures, a return to mostly sub-freezing conditions over Scottish Munros, whilst lower Scottish hills plus mountains in England & Wales will see some freeze and thaw. Showery conditions with hail and upland snow, mixed with occasionally more widespread precipitation and low cloud, though periods of clearing will occur as well.

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