

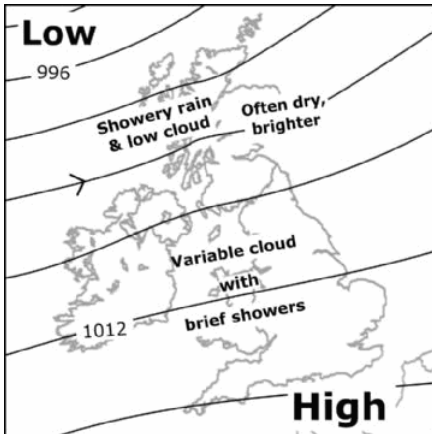
The Northwest Highlands

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, 22 February, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 22 February, 2025

Windy over the mountains, up to gale force higher Scottish tops particularly northwest, but a relative improvement compared to Friday and Sunday. Rain most frequent near Skye, patchy light showers elsewhere. Cloud often capping western tops, higher bases and some breaks eastwards. Near freezing on highest summits.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Windy, gales high tops. Showery rain, lowest cloud west.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 22 February, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 35-45mph, generally strongest near/north of Ullapool, up to 55mph early morning.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking strenuous, at times arduous. You may be blown over in highest gusts in north. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, rain most frequent west Fairly persistent rain onto Skye, becoming more intermittent during afternoon. Occasional light showers elsewhere spreading inland from west; sleet or snow above 1000m. Often dry further north and east.
Cloud on the hills?	Foggy Skye, patchy or clearing north/east Cloud banks quite persistent Skye and Torridon, bases often near 700m. More patchy along the west coast further north, varied in and out of showers around 700-900m. Intermittently clear higher up east.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% west coast, 50% inland/east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy or intermittent sun, best near Great Glen. Good visibility out of rain, excellent east.
How Cold? (at 900m)	2C. Feeling like -10C in the wind.
Freezing Level	Near or just above highest summits (1200m).

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 23 February	Monday 24 February
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South to southwesterly 60 to 80mph, up to 90mph at least in gusts for periods on higher mountains. Severe conditions: mobility challenging even at mid-elevations, frequently knocking you off your feet where exposed.	Southwesterly 50 to 70mph, likely strongest in areas further north. Difficult mobility over the mountains, squally gusts could knock you over. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy rain then frequent showers Heavy rain setting in from west before dawn, soon widespread in morning, briefly sleet on tops. By middle of day, clusters of showers, frequent rain on western mountains, may set in again; back to snow on high tops into night.	Periods of snow on tops Frequent precipitation over western mountains, locally constant for periods Skye to Wester Ross; falling as snow above 700-800m. May become showery in nature with hail.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, lowest morning Shrouding the mountains all day, lowest cloud bases in the morning, rising toward upper slopes by afternoon, but varied in and out of rain, local breaks possible across Sutherland.	Most persistent west Often covering higher summits, particularly western mountains, bases varied in and out of showers 700 to 900m, sometimes 600m near west coast; brief higher breaks.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast morning, then some glimpses of sun forming, mainly north & east afternoon. Hazy, poor visibility in precipitation.	Glimpses of sun mainly east. Visibility sometimes good, but very poor in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	1 to 3C. Feeling like -15C or below due to wind chill. Near higher summits above 1000m briefly, but mostly above all summits all day. Into night starting to lower back to 1000m.	0 or 1C. Feeling like -15C in the wind. 900 to 1050m, tending to lower a little by evening, nearer 800m.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 23 February, 2025

Wet underfoot following several spells of rain and a marked thaw. Weather conditions deteriorating again into Sunday with storm-force mountain winds and heavy rain. Chillier west to southwesterly winds prevail next week, 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.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Friday, 21 February, 2025

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