

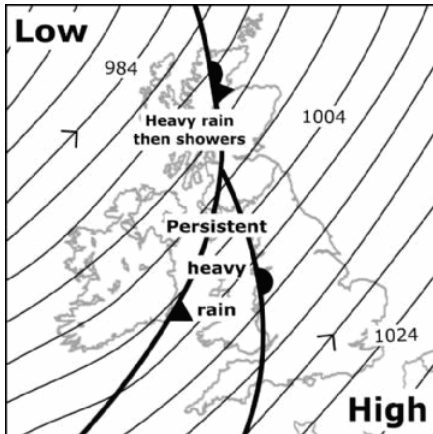
The Northwest Highlands

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, 23 February, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 February, 2025

Severe conditions with storm-force winds widely over the mountains. Extensive heavy rain for Scotland in the morning, some wet snow only on highest summits for a time, by afternoon breaking up into showers. Heavy rain setting in for much of the day for England and Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Sustained storm to hurricane-force winds. Heaviest rain in morning.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 23 February, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southwesterly 60 to 80mph, up to 90mph at least in gusts for periods on higher mountains.
Effect of wind on you?	Severe conditions: mobility challenging even at mid-elevations, frequently knocking you off your feet where exposed.
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, for periods setting in again; back to snow on high tops into night. Very wet underfoot western mountains, streams in spate, local flooding in west.
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.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast morning, then some glimpses of sun forming, mainly north & east afternoon. Hazy, poor visibility in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1 to 3C. Feeling like -15C or below due to wind chill.
Freezing Level	Near higher summits above 1000m briefly, but mostly above all summits all day. Into night starting to lower back to 1000m.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 24 February	Tuesday 25 February
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 50 to 70mph, strongest widely in the morning, or most of day in areas further north. Difficult mobility over the mountains, squally gusts could knock you over. Severe wind chill.	Westerly 25 to 35mph. Starting to affect comfortable walking and balance on exposed higher terrain. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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.	Snow and hail showers Frequent showery precipitation on western mountains, fewer showers eastern hills; snow above 600-700m, also hail.
Cloud on the hills?	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.	Varied, high tops often shrouded Often covering higher summits in the west, cloud base varying in and out of showers between 600 and 900m. Fleeting breaks to higher slopes, more often further east.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mainly east. Visibility sometimes good, but very poor in precipitation.	Brief bursts of sun, most common in east. Visibility very good out of showers, but intermittently very poor in snow.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	0 or 1C. Feeling like -15C in the wind. 900 to 1050m, tending to lower a little by evening, nearer 800m.	0 or -1C. Wind chill feeling like -10C. 800 to 900m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 24 February, 2025**

Returning to freezing over the Scottish Munros from Monday, staying sub-zero over the tops during the week ahead, whilst higher summits in England & Wales will fluctuate around freezing point. Beware of icy surfaces as previously thawed ground refreezes. Wet underfoot on lower ground with streams in spate and local flooding at first following several spells of heavy rain recently. Showery precipitation coming in from the west, falling as snow on the mountains, accumulating on higher terrain, also sometimes hail. A possibly more widespread area of rain and hill snow during midweek. Wind speeds varied, west to southwesterlies at times gale force on tops, prepare for considerable chill factor.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Saturday, 22 February, 2025

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