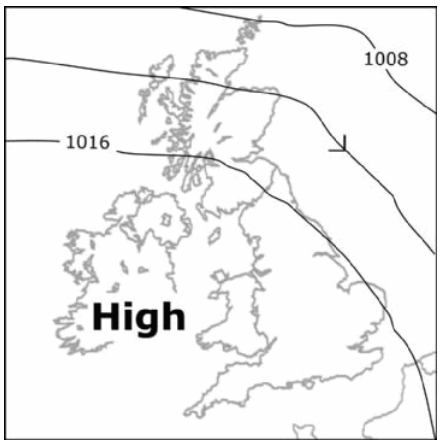
The Northwest Highlands

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 Friday, 13 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 13 November, 2026

Under high pressure most mountain areas fine with sunshine. However, progressively north across Scotland, increasing strong westerly wind will bring snow showers to mainly the NW Highlands and low cloud across western mountains. Much terrain frozen - but freezing level rising through day.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Snow showers; much terrain frozen. Wind strengthening toward gale.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 13 November, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly, progressively strengthening from in the range 20-30mph post dawn to 30-40mph before dusk - the strongest winds Sutherland and higher tops Wester Ross.
Effect of wind on you?	**Increasingly challenging as wind chill becomes considerable and walking difficult on higher areas, particularly more northern mountains.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Snow showers; rain lower slopes** Snow showers from time to time although the risk on western mountains of the precipitation frequent for an hour or two. Apart from lower coastal slopes, snow at first, but by dusk rain below 500m well inland to 750m near the coast.
Cloud on the hills?	**Extensive on higher areas: highest cloud base well inland** Low cloud extensive western mountains above 600m and above 750-900m more eastern areas. Near precipitation cloud base lowering toward 400m near the coast and 600m well inland.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**10%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun, mostly eastern areas. Visibility often excellent, but increasingly hazy, especially far north and poor in snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C rising gradually (initially near the coast) toward 1C. Will feel as cold as minus 10C where exposed.
Freezing Level	Near the coast, 600 rising to 1000m. Increasingly frozen lower terrain upwards eastwards where freezing level by afternoon

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 14 November	Sunday 15 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	West or southwesterly between 35 and 45mph.	Very low confidence near centres of low pressure: Varied direction, possible marked lull but anticipate up to 50mph.
Effect of wind on you?	**Increasing buffeting and wind chill becoming considerable with increasing height. Expect balance sometimes to be difficult.**	**Sometimes small, but zones where wind chill severe and walking difficult - these challenging conditions could set in abruptly.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Rain or higher up snow on and off** Areas of frequent showery rain - or above 450 later 750m snow, interspersed with dry areas will drift across region. Wettest near the coast, very little easternmost areas (e.g. Ben Wyvis).	**Periods of, or persistent snow.** A band of steady precipitation may persist most or all day; falling as snow to 200-500m. Particularly Ben Wyvis area may have considerable snowfall. The far north may have little precipitation.
Cloud on the hills?	**Most mountains persistently foggy. Cloud base progressively higher** Near the coast, cloud base typically 400 to 600m, whilst well inland 450 to 750m, and perhaps reaching 900m Ben Wyvis.	**Fog across the mountains all day** Fog in some areas from lower slopes up, though in Sutherland, although still patches from above forest canopies, most cloud may be above 600m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**10%**	**20%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine now and again, mainly lower slopes well inland. Persistently hazy, or foggy, particularly western mountains.	Sunshine not expected. Regions of appalling visibility. Possibly excellent far north.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C. Will feel as cold as minus 12C directly in the wind.	-2C, possibly 2C near Great Glen
Freezing Level	500 to 700m, tending to rise to 800 to 1100m. Highest freezing level near the coast.	500m, possibly above the summits near Great Glen - but possible abrupt change.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 14 November, 2026

Pressure will fall over the weekend: a little rain for some western mountains on Saturday, but more widespread rain (snow higher areas Scottish Highlands) on Sunday - albeit the detail for Sunday is unusually uncertain (for a 3 day forecast). Cold often dry conditions will return on Monday, but beyond extensive rain (sometimes snow higher areas) and strong winds probable, although presently Scotland, particularly the Highlands may have only snow showers in the cold air.

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