

The Northwest Highlands

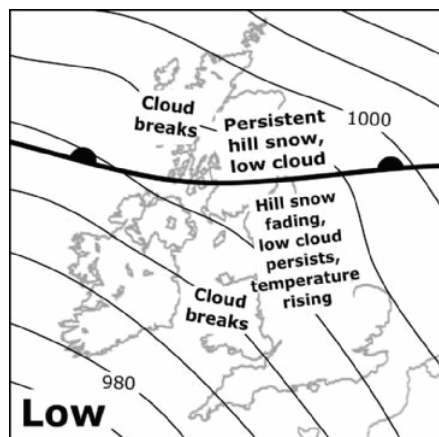
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Wednesday, 4 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 4 February, 2026

Easterly winds gale force across northern Scotland, easing further south. Ongoing snowfalls over E & SE Highlands, sleet or rain lower down; low cloud and whiteout over hills. Early sleet or snow over northern England fades, but low cloud lingers. Largely dry much of Wales, clearer hills west, but increasingly windy.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Gales, gusty. Snow toward east and north, clearer hills west.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 4 February, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 35 to 50mph, very gusty, strongest speeds and gusts toward the north, often 50mph all day Ben Hope, lessening a little around Skye to Torridon. Speeds then increasing again widely into night.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging conditions with frequent buffeting gusts around higher mountains and downslope to west; often difficult over northern mountains. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow mostly east Snow frequent or persistent over eastern hills from Ben Wyvis area to Caithness and at times Ben Hope, sleet or rain lowest slopes below 200-300m. Patchy flurries westward, often dry much of west coast.
Cloud on the hills?	Most persistent east, breaks west Cloud covering higher mountains inland above 800m, or to some lower elevations toward eastern coasts. Further west, higher and more broken, best toward Torridon coast and Skye.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, dull and misty eastern hills, poor visibility, whiteout if in fog and snow. Brighter toward west coast, local glimpses of sun and good visibility below cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3C, up to -1C near Skye, rising slightly during day, widely to 0C into night. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -17C.
Freezing Level	300-400m in east, to 600m or locally higher toward west coast. Variable rise further onward into night, above 800m in many areas.

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All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 5 February, 2026

East or southeasterly winds prevail, persistent gales later this week, severe chill factor over the mountains. Freezing levels will vary, lowering widely again below 600m during Thursday, though staying higher in Wales; then less cold widely into the weekend, rising just above freezing point in Scotland toward 1000m or briefly higher. Colder air then likely returns from east next week. Further snowfalls mostly over eastern hills in Scotland, occasionally hills in England & Wales, mixed with rain here. Indications of less precipitation and lower wind speeds for periods during next week. Highest cloud breaks generally west & northwest Scotland.

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