

The Northwest Highlands

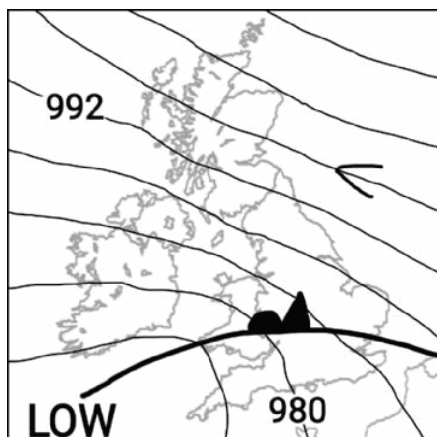
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Thursday, 5 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 5 February, 2026

Gale-force easterly winds, up to storm-force over the tops of the Highlands with severe wind chill; powerful gusts downslope into the glens. Further snowfalls over E & SE Highlands, sleet or rain lower down; low cloud and whiteout over hills. England and Wales: Rain and upland snow focused east Wales and into Pennines.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Easterly gales with snow and hill fog focused in northeast. Best breaks Skye.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 5 February, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	East to southeasterly 45 to 60mph, powerful gusts around higher mountains and downslope to the west.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult mobility, violent gusts may knock you over in places. Sudden ferocious gusts running downslope into some glens. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow northeast tops Snow flurries mostly eastern hills near and north of Dornoch Firth, more frequent snow at times on tops, initially rain below 500m, becoming snow lower down with time. Substantially or completely dry west coast, particularly Skye.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly east, breaks west Cloud banks persistent inland and toward east & north above 600 to 800m, lowest near North Sea. Higher and more broken cloud westwards, patches mostly on high tops, often clearer Skye and south of Torridon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%, but 70% on and near Skye.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun mostly west coastal hills toward Skye with very good visibility. Cloudier inland, hazier north and east, poor visibility in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 to -2C, coldest north/east, tending to lower more widely during day. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C.
Freezing Level	700m dropping to 500m with time in east; locally varied to 900m or above for a time toward west coast and on Skye.

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All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 6 February, 2026

Cold east or southeasterly winds prevail, but less cold widely over the weekend as freezing level lifts somewhat from the south, rising just above freezing point in Scotland toward 1000m. 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 west & northwest Scotland, where terrain will be very dry toward west coast.

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