

The Northwest Highlands

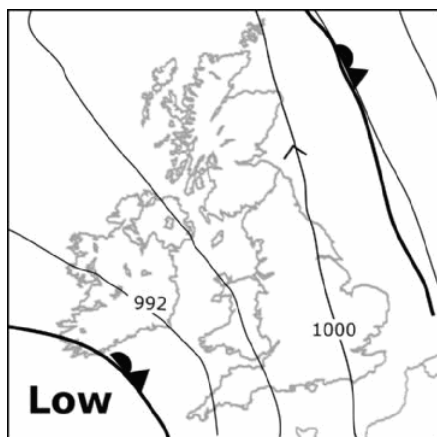
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Monday, 9 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 9 February, 2026

Overall very little change with occasional rain, or on higher slopes in Scotland, snow. Fog persistent on nearly all mountain areas. The wind continuing fairly light. Wales will from the southwest become windy with pulses of showery rain.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Light wind; a few pockets of rain, or snow higher slopes. Persistent fog.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 9 February, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southeasterly 10 to 15mph, strongest near Skye.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation, mostly light, here and there. Total rainfall small. Occasional or rarely drizzle and rain, or above 700m snow (mostly flurries). Total precipitation very small.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, highest cloud bases western mountains south of Ullapool. Generally, persistent fog above 500 to 750m. Higher cloud base Wester Ross and south from Torridon where most cloud above 700m and breaks to 900, perhaps clearing some higher summits at least temporarily.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% western mountains south of Wester Ross; almost nil elsewhere
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun, mainly or only within 10 miles or so of the general lie of the west coast. Visibility generally excellent, but inland, very poor in any snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 or 1C
Freezing Level	800 to 1050m..

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 10 February	Wednesday 11 February
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly between 30 and 40mph	Easterly in the range 25 to 40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking increasingly arduous with height: here and there sudden gusts reaching lower slopes northwest of major summits.	Widely arduous or difficult walking and significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and snow on and off Rain, drizzle or above about 600m snow, although toward the coast, the precipitation infrequent and amounting to little.	Snow - very little toward Skye Frequent perhaps constant snow much of region, although mostly rain below 200 to 500m - as colder air extends south through day. Very little, perhaps no precipitation western mountains south from about Torridon.
Cloud on the hills?	Most mountains persistently foggy: base rising and breaking toward coast Persistent fog, north from Ben Wyvis above 300 to 450m, although a little higher near west coast. Elsewhere, cloud base typically 600 to 900m, but toward the coast may break up at times.	Very extensive, but cloud base higher toward Skye Most hills persistently cloud covered above 500 to 750m. Western mountains south from about Torridon will have higher cloud base, typically 800 to perhaps 1050m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Almost nil	Less than 10%, but 40% near Skye
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Widely dull and murky north from Ben Wyvis. Elsewhere, mostly cloudy but often very good or excellent visibility, particularly near the coast.	Glimpses of sun western hills; perhaps sunny periods developing toward Skye. Very poor or appalling visibility in snow, otherwise very good or south of Torridon excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 or -1C Will feel near -12C directly in the wind.	-1 to -4C: tending to lower from north. Will feel as cold as minus 15C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Between 800 to 1050m	Dropping from north to between 400 and 750m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 10 February, 2026**

A change from mid week as a low centre crosses Britain bringing stronger wind and initially rain . But precipitation will turn to snow Scottish Highlands on Wednesday then progressively southwards into England and Wales on Thursday - with most terrain frozen and fresh snow lying on most mountains by Friday morning. Cold 'winter' conditions will then persist through next weekend.

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