

The Northwest Highlands

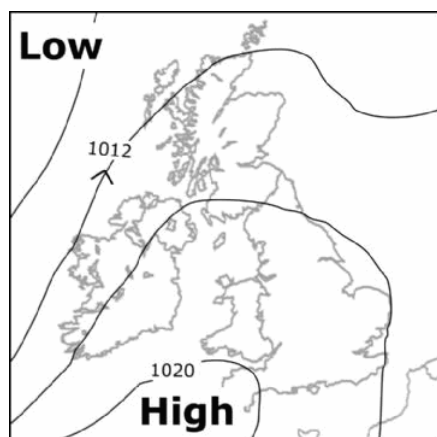
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Saturday, 14 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 February, 2026

A transient ridge of high pressure will bring a cold but mostly sunny day although a few snow flurries on some western hills. Nearly all terrain frozen. Toward dusk, initially near the west coast the wind will increase quickly - ahead of severe upland gales and snow overnight.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Terrain frozen. Light wind; extensive sun but the odd snow flurry.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 14 February, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	West later southerly, initially 20mph before a prolonged lull of 10-15mph. Strengthening quickly toward dusk - may exceed 40mph by 6pm.
Effect of wind on you?	Small or negligible - but very difficult conditions quickly developing from dusk.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Extensively dry: risk snow showers Most mountains dry. But risk of a snow shower or flurry.
Cloud on the hills?	Nearly all mountains cloud free Most hills free of cloud,. Here and there, cloud persisting higher slopes and corries, whilst near showers cloud will come in at around 600m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine many areas before high level cloud spreads east afternoon. Toward the coast, intermittently cloudy. Excellent or superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3 or -4C. With time, feeling as cold as -15 to 18C in wind.
Freezing Level	Terrain frozen from valleys up. Through day freezing level becoming 400 to 600m, highest west coastal and sunlit slopes.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 15 February	Monday 16 February
How windy? (On the Munros)	Mostly westerly 35mph.	Northerly 30 to 40mph
Effect of wind on you?	Significant wind chill and widely arduous walking on higher areas. Particularly difficult conditions near precipitation.	Considerable wind chill and walking arduous - or particularly near precipitation sometimes difficult.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent hail and snow Persistent snow before dawn. Then succession of sudden, sometimes heavy, hail and snow showers - in places precipitation rarely ceasing over an hour or two giving whiteout. Small risk lightning.	Frequent snow Snow and hail showers, sometimes one after another, giving whiteout, and risk of the precipitation almost constant for a few hours. Least precipitation near Great Glen.
Cloud on the hills?	Almost persistently covering the mountains; rapid cloud base changes. Sometimes breaking to near or above 900m at least fleetingly, but overall extensive cloud above 600m, and sometimes forming on lower slopes near precipitation.	Extensive; highest cloud base toward Great Glen Cloud base varying, sometimes quickly, between 350m near precipitation and otherwise 600 to 800m. Toward the Great Glen, cloud rarely below 450m and breaks toward 1000m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Less than 10%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, mainly lower slopes near Ben Wyvis. Fleetingly excellent visibility, but abruptly appalling or near zero in snow.	Occasional sunshine mainly toward Great Glen. Very varied visibility; intermittently appalling or near zero in snow, but otherwise excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-1C. Will feel as close to minus 12C where exposed to the wind. Nearly all terrain frozen, albeit freezing level rising from below erratically toward 800 or 900m.	-6C. Will feel around minus 16C directly in the wind. 600m, dropping toward 400m. Some valleys frozen after a frost.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 15 February, 2026

Persistent cold most mountain areas, particularly across Scotland next week. Further snow from time to time. England and particularly Wales will have intermittently higher freezing levels resulting in freeze-thaw cycles.

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