

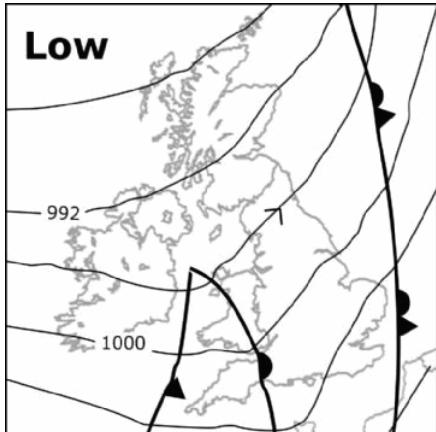
The Northwest Highlands

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 Sunday, 15 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 February, 2026

Overnight snow (considerable western Scotland north to Skye) will have cleared, leaving snow (rain lower slopes) showers in Scotland (driest toward east), whilst further south rain and snow on and off. Most mountain terrain will be frozen although thawing lower slopes.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Terrain largely frozen. Frequent snow. Wind near gale morning.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 15 February, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwest to westerly, mostly 35mph morning. Will ease toward 25 through daylight - perhaps 20mph near Skye..
Effect of wind on you?	Significant wind chill and widely arduous walking on higher areas. Particularly difficult conditions near precipitation in morning.
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. Fewest showers will be on easternmost mountains in the afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Persistently covering the mountains; Occasionally breaking to near or in afternoon above 900m at least fleetingly, but overall extensive cloud above 500 or 600m, and sometimes forming on lower slopes near precipitation.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Less than 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional bursts of sunshine, mainly lower slopes near Ben Wyvis. Fleeting excellent visibility, but abruptly appalling or near zero in snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C. Will feel as close to minus 12C where exposed to the wind.
Freezing Level	Nearly all terrain frozen, albeit freezing level soon between 700 and 800m, or on coastal summits sometimes 900m.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 16 February	Tuesday 17 February
How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly; there may well be a lull to below 20mph at first, but strengthening, probably morning to 25 or 30mph.	Northerly high confidence in dropping to less than 15mph in a lull, but for a few hours from dawn 25, possibly 35mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable wind chill and walking impeded by the wind, perhaps arduous at times, particularly near precipitation.	Becoming negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent snow Heavy snow and hail showers, sometimes one after another, giving whiteout, and risk of the precipitation almost constant for a few hours. Chance isolated thunder. Least precipitation near Great Glen.	Snow showers or flurries dying out Snow and hail showers Sutherland and near the coast elsewhere will through morning become isolated.
Cloud on the hills?	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 500m and breaks toward 1000m.	Becoming confined to higher areas and increasingly clearing By afternoon patches above 750 to 900m, but increasingly mountains free of cloud. Earlier in day cloud may be extensive on higher slopes Sutherland and near the coast but patchy elsewhere.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	70% by afternoon
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine mainly toward Great Glen. Very varied visibility; intermittently appalling or near zero in snow, but otherwise excellent.	Bright sunshine increasingly. Superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-5C. Will feel around minus 16C directly in the wind.	-5C
Freezing Level	600m, dropping toward 400m. Some valleys frozen after a frost.	300m but most terrain frozen: partial thawing lowest particularly sunlit slopes.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 16 February, 2026

Persistently 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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