

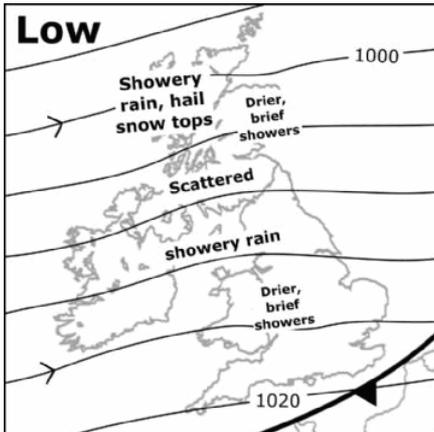
The Northwest Highlands

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, 22 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 22 February, 2026

Showery southwesterlies, extensively gale force over higher terrain with significant chill factor. Rain and hail, snow falling above 900m in Scotland, most frequent west coastal areas. Fewer showers eastward across Scotland and for England & Wales, with some cloud breaks toward tops.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Upland gales. Showery in west, hail, snow on tops.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 22 February, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 35 to 50mph, frequent squally gusts in showers, at times to 60mph on higher tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging conditions over the mountains, frequent buffeting making walking arduous in exposure. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent rain, hail, snow high tops Generally showery, but merging into near-constant precipitation over western mountains, heavy bursts with hail, snow falling mostly above 900m. Risk of isolated thunder, mainly in west. Into night, prolonged heavy precipitation Skye and nearby mainland.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive higher areas Covering the mountains much of the time above 800 to 1000m, but cloud bases will vary in and out of showers. Occasionally forming to 600m in west. Some breaks higher up inland and east.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mostly eastern areas. Visibility occasionally very good, but often reduced by showers, at times poor in west.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1C. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C on tops.
Freezing Level	1000 to 1100m.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 23 February	Tuesday 24 February
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West to southwesterly, 50mph from dawn, easing to 30mph or less by late afternoon. Increasing again during evening. Arduous walking on high terrain in the morning, improving during daytime. Significant wind chill.	Southwesterly 45 to 60mph, gusts 70mph higher mountains. Mobility difficult over exposed higher terrain, frequent buffeting at mid-heights. Significant wind chill despite milder air.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy showers in morning fading Frequent showery precipitation over western areas from before dawn into morning, heavy with hail, snow above 900m. Fading with time to lighter showers, more often dry north/east afternoon. Then heavy rain into night.	Rain heaviest around Skye Persistent light rain and drizzle, becoming constant heavier rain Skye and up to Torridon. Drier toward Easter Ross. Very wet underfoot western areas.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Varied over tops, some breaks form Cloud base varying early in day, often covering higher slopes, patches to 600-700m in west. Tending to lift and break toward upper slopes, but may often cap west coast tops near Skye all day. 30%	Extensive, lowest Skye Shrouding the mountains widely, from lower slopes up around Skye, 600-800m inland and north, highest breaks eastward. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun breaking through, mostly eastern areas in the afternoon. Hazy, poor around showers, but visibility improving afternoon.	Generally cloudy, murky toward west, poor visibility Skye and nearby coast. Better visibility eastward, but hazy.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	1 or 2C, then rising slightly into night. Feeling like -15C directly in the wind. 1000 to 1100m marginal rise during day, then lifting above the summits into night.	3 to 5C. In exposure to wind, feeling like -9 to -12C. Above all summits with thawing to upper slopes.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 23 February, 2026

West to southwesterly winds prevail during the week ahead as areas of low pressure move toward northwest Scotland whilst ridges of higher pressure occasionally nudge across southern Britain. Sustained gales over the mountains, only brief lulls. Temperatures will fluctuate above and below freezing on higher Scottish mountains, with periods of thaw and refreezing. England and Wales generally above freezing to tops with a substantial thaw of most upland snow. Frequent rainfall, often heavy over western mountains, at times showery with hail, some snow on Scottish Munros. The final days of February favour colder northwesterly air and a drop of freezing level.

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