

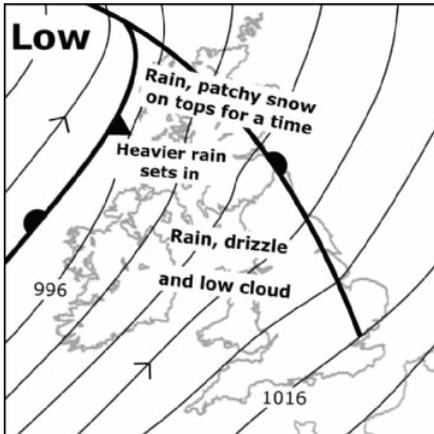
The Northwest Highlands

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, 1 March, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 1 March, 2026

South-southwesterly upland gales, strengthening further for Wales during the day, later extending northward. Early snow on hills in the Highlands, patchier northwards, turning increasingly to rain as temperature rises, heavier rain for West Highlands. Generally wet for western England & Wales with blanket low cloud.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Gales on many mountains. Rain and snow, wettest around Skye.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 1 March, 2026

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| <p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p> | <p>Southerly 30 to 50mph, strongest west coast, particularly Skye, gusty downslope to the north. Strengthening further from dusk, soon 60mph+ after dark.</p> <p>Strenuous walking with chaotic gusts all day, in places more difficult at times in west. Deteriorating further into evening. Significant wind chill.</p> |
| <p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p> | <p>Patchy rain/snow, heavier rain around Skye later</p> <p>Patchy rain and snow from dawn on Skye, advancing northward during morning, snow falling mostly above 700m but locally lower briefly; smaller amounts northeast. Rain most frequent on and near Skye, setting in heavier here later in the daytime.</p> |
| <p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p> | <p>Extensive southwest, variable northward</p> <p>Extensive cloud on the Cuillin down to middle slopes, often lower. Middle slopes upward of Torridon area also often shrouded. East and northward, cloud more variable, breaks above 900m but also lowering to middle slopes at times; some early patches in the corries too.</p> <p>40% inland north, to 10% Skye and nearby</p> |
| <p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p> | <p>Mostly cloudy, though a few glimpses of sun may break out in the north. Very good visibility away from fog/rain, increasingly mostly poor Skye.</p> |
| <p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p> | <p>-1C, lifting to +4C afternoon onward. Feeling like -10 to -12C in direct wind.</p> <p>500-700m from dawn, local variability, including lower frost in some glens inland. Lifting with time to above the summits by afternoon.</p> |

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

| | Monday 2 March | Tuesday 3 March |
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| How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you? | South-southwest later westerly; speed likely to vary during day, mostly in range 25 to 40mph, likely strongest in north. Expect blustery conditions often affecting comfortable walking, risk more challenging toward north. Marked wind chill. | Southwesterly 20-25mph coastal mountains, particularly in the north. Possibly variable lower speeds. Risk blustery and gusty in places locally toward northwest, but may be fairly small many areas. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Rain at times, increasingly hill snow A few hours likely dry during day, but also bands of showery rain - one may be clearing eastward soon from dawn, another arriving from west during daytime, turning to snow above 800m, later 600m. | Precipitation rare if any Chance of light rain spots toward Ben Hope, otherwise likely dry. |
| Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros? | Varied with breaks mostly north/east Varying cloud, some banks at different heights from dawn, tending to thin and break, clearer toward north and east. Then further cloud may lower across western hills during day, most likely near Skye. 40% | Patches some western tops Thin patchy cloud drifting onto western tops mostly above 900m, locally may be more frequent north of Ullapool, otherwise well broken. Often clearing inland. 70% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Occasional sun breaking through, best toward north, then clouding over again. Visibility very good or excellent for a time, reducing to be poor in hill snow. | Broken cloud and sun, locally cloudier for periods in west. Visibility excellent. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level | 0 or +1C, dropping later toward -1C. If exposed to stronger wind, risk feeling like -10 to -13C. Above summits prior to dawn, but lowering, to 900-1000m into daytime, by dusk likely 700-800m. | -1C rising to +1 or 2C. If exposed to stronger wind feeling like -5 to -7C. 800m plus frost in some glens from dawn, rising above 1000m during afternoon. |

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 2 March, 2026

A drop of freezing level onto higher mountains develops during Monday into Monday night; weakening fronts bringing some precipitation, but fading. Higher pressure expands across the British Isles into Tuesday and stays nearby with commonly drier conditions and periods of light winds during early March, though mixed with pushes of strengthening south-southwesterlies bringing some occasional rain in from the west. Often milder air during the next couple of weeks, possibly briefly colder again by the end of the coming week.

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