

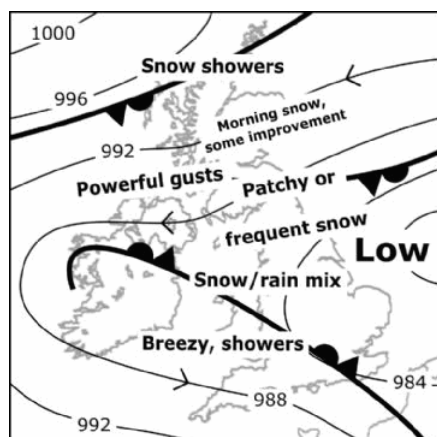
West Highlands

Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area includes Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, from Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Also Arran and Mull.



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General Summary for Thursday, 12 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 February, 2026

Very cold in Scotland with strong wind. Snow in the central/south highlands, some improvement from the north. Blustery too in north England, cloudy with patchy morning snow, later more frequent. South Pennines and north Wales see rain and snow with lighter wind. Blustery with patchy rain south Wales.

Headline for West Highlands

Bitterly cold and windy; early snow south, improving from north

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 12 February, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	East northeasterly 30-40mph in the morning, locally stronger in the south with powerful gusts to the west; some local lighter wind possible from Mull to Ben Nevis. A slow easing trend from north, locally to 25mph but remaining near or above 30mph south. Arduous walking with severe wind chill early; powerful gusts in the south will challenge balance. Effects slowly easing with time, though always blustery in exposure.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Most snow early in the south From dawn, light snow affecting most southern hills, patchy towards Mull, Glencoe, and Ben Nevis. Very little snow, if any north, the drier conditions drifting south, though spotty snow and rain linger in the far south.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Most extensive south and east, improving from north Shrouding most high terrain well-inland from Ben Nevis southward with patches to middle eastern aspects, the lowest bases in the south, to 500m. Cloud higher and well-broken west of Glencoe and Loch Linnhe. A breaking trend from the north with time, becoming patches on higher summits. 30% inland and south, rising to 60% from the north
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, some sun breaking out in the north with time though weakened by high cloud. Very poor visibility from dawn in snow, turning very good from the north.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-4C, starting near -3C near the coast south of Mull. May reach -5C near and north of Ben Nevis. Temperature drops further overnight. Feeling like -20C in strongest wind. Frozen to low slopes and some glens well-inland, nearer 300-500m near the coast. Lowering later and overnight to glen level.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 13 February	Saturday 14 February
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Generally northerly between 15-25mph, some variability in speed and direction. Often fairly small, though blustery at times in exposure and significant wind chill.	Westerly 10-15mph from dawn, shifting southwesterly, strengthening to a gusty 30-35mph, deteriorating overnight. Small at first, walking increasingly affected, arduous near the coast later with buffeting and significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Some snow showers near the coast Some snow showers affecting coastal mountains through the day, the showers more scattered inland (if any); a few odd showers may approach Creag Meagaidh/northern Lochaber.	Likely dry during daylight A few odd snow flurries affect slopes abutting the west coast. Snow arrives from the southwest after dark, spreading widely, the snowfall level rising too.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Mostly little Patchy cloud grazes the high terrain of coastal slopes, primarily around Mull. A few banks may drift into northern Lochaber/Creag Meagaidh, as well as high summits around Ben Nevis. Many inland Munros largely cloud free. 70%	Some cloud later Most hills substantially free of cloud, a few caps over high summits possible from time to time. Later, a greater chance of cloud banks coming above 800m. 80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine near the coast, more extensive inland. Excellent-to-superb visibility.	Extensive sunshine, some patchy cloud near the coast. High cloud moves in with time. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	About -5C (to -9C Ben Nevis summit at dawn), rising a degree or two in sun. Feeling as cold as -20C in strongest wind. Nearly all terrain frozen from dawn, just some coastal slopes up to 300-400m. Some thawing on sun-exposed low slopes.	-3 or -4C. With time, feeling as cold as -15 to 18C in wind. All terrain frozen from dawn. Near the coast, lifting to 300-400m. Some sun-exposed low slopes to thaw as well.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 13 February, 2026

Colder for all areas during the transition into the weekend, mountain terrain frozen to increasingly lower elevations - soonest toward the north and east of Scotland. A widespread frost early on Saturday. Northeasterly wind will be dominant - the distribution of snow showers shifting with time from eastern hills to more north-facing mountains, particularly Scotland. Brighter than recently with sunshine and clearer hills later Friday and Saturday.

Gales with heavy snow (rain to increasingly higher elevations) overnight into Sunday brings a return to unsettled weather for the following week - wet and windy periods come and go, freezing levels rising (high Scotland terrain stays frozen), then lowering again during periods of northwesterly wind.

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