

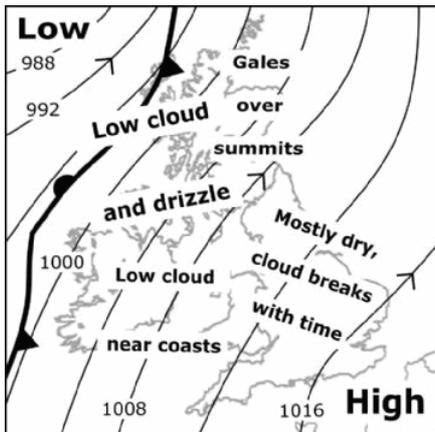
West Highlands

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 Tuesday, 24 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 24 February, 2026

Widely windy, gales over high terrain and more widely Scottish Highlands. Most rain in northwest Scotland with extensive coastal cloud, some drizzle on other high northwestern terrain with low cloud, most persistent on south/west aspects. Largely dry central and east areas, early low cloud, sun breaks with time.

Headline for West Highlands

Gales in exposure; murky, drizzly near many summits

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 24 February, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 35 to 45mph and gusty; strongest wind coastal Lochaber, risk reaching sustained speeds of 50mph with stronger gusts.
Effect of wind on you?	Arduous walking over the mountains, difficult in places higher up near northern coasts where maintain stability will require constant effort.. Significant wind chill despite milder air.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain/drizzle high slopes and northwest Fine drizzle drifts around the high summits in cloud. With time, a greater risk of light rain west of Loch Linnhe. Some patches may drift as far east as Ben Nevis, Creag Meagaidh. Wet underfoot where snow melts upper-mid slopes.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, lowest south and coasts Shrouding the Munros widely, from lower slopes up coast & islands, 600-800m inland Lochaber. Highest bases near Glen Spean/Creag Meagaidh, though breaks above 900m will be rare and fleeting; some ragged cloud in glens and corries here in the morning.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally cloudy, murky many areas, poor visibility and also hazy near coasts.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3 or 4C. In exposure to wind, feeling like -8 to -10C.
Freezing Level	Above all summits with thawing to upper slopes, though icy surfaces remain on high tops with local refrozen snow patches.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 25 February	Thursday 26 February
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South-southwesterly 20-30mph, notable gusts, not just high slopes, likely strongest near Arran/Loch Lomond. Walking affected by inconvenient buffeting, at times strenuous in highest wind.	Southwesterly 30-45mph, some variability in this range and notable gusts on high terrain. Walking at least strenuous and often arduous with considerable buffeting in exposure and significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Persistent rain Rain affects most mountains nearly all day, persistent to nearly constant near the coast and with heavy falls. Some breaks further south, lighter falls near Creag Meagaidh.	Often raining, snow high terrain Bands of rain sweep west-to-east, precipitation lingering near the coast between pulses; snow from 900m up. Most persistent Ben Nevis group and west of Loch Linnhe; best chance of dry moments south/inland.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Extensive Cloud shrouds nearly all hills to the middle slopes, often to lower slopes, most persistently low near the northern coastal areas. Some higher breaks possible towards Creag Meagaidh, but unlikely above 700m at best. 10%	Variable, best high breaks inland During rain, fog shrouds high terrain, lowest bases towards 600-700m during heaviest falls. Drier periods bring higher bases, breaks to inland summits; highest peaks may struggle to clear. On coastal slopes Islay and northward, fog persists from middle slopes up all day. 40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull. Very poor visibility in cloud and rain.	Bright/sunny bursts during breaks in the rain, best inland. Mixed visibility, at times very good, though very poor if in snow.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5C; only small change with added height. Feeling as cold as -5C in direct wind. Above the summits.	1 or 2C. Feeling like -12 to -15C in direct wind. 1000m, 900m at dawn in Lochaber. A general lifting trend, likely to the high summits by dusk, lowering overnight.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 25 February, 2026

West to southwesterly winds prevail from mid-week into the weekend as areas of low pressure move toward northwest Scotland; regular rainfall here, most frequent and heavy over western mountains. Bands of rain from the west also affecting England and Wales. Milder temperatures from mid-week with freezing levels above all summits for a few days, substantial thawing to the summits in England and Wales, some high slope thawing in Scotland too. Extensive gales, only a brief easing on Wednesday, then soon unsettled again with cooler temperatures returning, showery west with bands of rain passing east, some snow on Scottish Munros. Some drier, brighter weather is possible over the weekend, though interruptions by bands of rain are likely with low confidence in detail.

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