

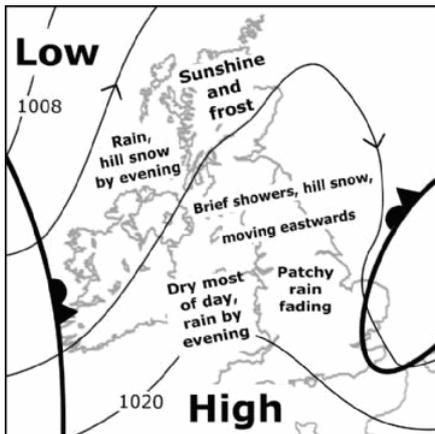
West Highlands

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 Saturday, 28 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 28 February, 2026

Fine and chilly for the Highlands, frosty morning; sunshine giving way to building cloud from southwest. Remnants of a front over England brings cloud, some rain, local showers with snow on hills. Much of Wales dry and bright. Light winds widely, then increasing S-SW'ly later, ahead of rain / hill snow into night.

Headline for West Highlands

Wind increasing. Mostly dry, sunniest Lochaber, patchy cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 28 February, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly 10mph or less early morning, strengthening soonest near coast and Mull in morning, to 20mph onward into afternoon, later reaching 25-30mph, 35mph for a time after dark.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small effect on walking, but feeling chilly on higher terrain. Becoming more blustery onward into afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Many places dry all day Chance of local showers near Arran and the Clyde, snow flurries above 600m, an isolated shower toward Loch Lomond. Onward into the evening and night, patchy rain preceded by hill snow moving in from west.
Cloud on the hills?	Patchy cloud south, little north Hills north from Glencoe into Lochaber largely clear, rare brief fragments mainly afternoon may drift in from south. Further south, some cloud banks may come and go above 700-900m, odd lower patches near sea lochs for a time. Cloud lowers more widely into night.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	90% north, 60% south.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny Lochaber, patchy cloud and some sun south; high cloud tending to build later. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C, lifting to -1C, 0C later along coast/islands. As wind increases, chill factor feeling like -10C.
Freezing Level	400 to 600m, plus frost widely inland glens and some sheltered lower slopes early morning. Rising slightly during day, particularly near coast/islands.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 1 March	Monday 2 March
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly 35 to 50mph, very gusty in places downslope north of tops. Increasing further later, 60-70mph evening-night. Strenuous walking with chaotic gusts all day, in places difficult at times. Significant wind chill. Deteriorating further later.	South turning southwest later westerly; speed likely to vary during day, in range 25 to 40mph, perhaps often lower speeds. Risk of blustery conditions affecting ease of walking at least part of the day, but may drop to be fairly small for periods.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain/snow, rain extensive later Patchy rain and snow from dawn, snow falling mostly above 700m but locally lower. With time, rain arriving from the southwest, becoming more widespread into later afternoon, heavier.	Rain at times, increasingly hill snow Possibly dry for a few hours, but also bands of showery rain - one may be clearing eastward early morning, another arriving from west during daytime, turning to snow above 900m, later 700m.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Extensive, some variability early Covering many higher areas all day, becoming shrouded from 700-800m up as the day goes, bases often lower on southern aspects, notably Loch Lomond to Mull. More variable cloud in the morning, bases higher with breaks to some tops, some patches in corries too. 40% early, soon lowering, to 10%	Varied with local breaks Varying cloud, some banks at different heights from dawn, tending to thin and break, toward some upper slopes inland, best likely near Glen Spean. Further cloud may lower from west with time. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little sunshine expected. Very good visibility away from fog/rain, but increasingly widely poor.	Occasional sun breaking through, mostly inland Lochaber, then clouding over west. Visibility very good or excellent for a time, reducing to be poor in hill snow.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-1C, lifting to +4C afternoon onward. Feeling like -10 to -12C in direct wind. 500-700m from dawn, lowest inland Lochaber. Lifting with time to above the summits afternoon.	1C, dropping later to 0C or just below. If exposed to stronger wind, risk feeling like -10 to -13C. Above summits prior to dawn, but lowering, to around 1000m into daytime, by dusk onward likely 800m.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 1 March, 2026

A changeable southwesterly regime onward into early next week. Milder air and thawing into Sunday, accompanied by rain and upland gales. A drop of freezing level onto higher mountains develops during Monday into Monday night; weakening fronts bringing some precipitation, but fading. Higher pressure nearby and commonly drier conditions during early March, though an occasional front coming in from the west may bring some rain later in the week ahead. Varied wind speeds, extensive lulls mixed with some windier days. Milder air is likely to return from the south more often.

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