

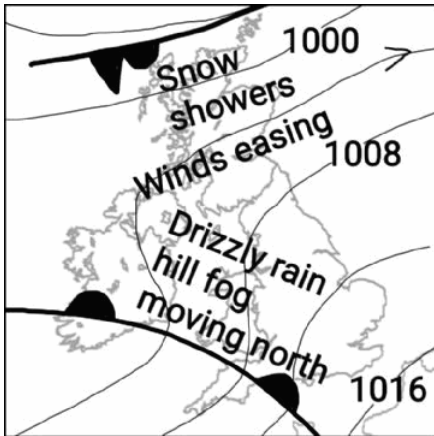
# The Northwest Highlands

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 Tuesday, 13 February, 2024



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 13 February, 2024**

Scotland; Southwesterly gales continuing to drive in showers, these of snow above 600-800m. Showers will ease, along with the wind, from the south in the afternoon.

England and Wales: Varied cloud and some drizzle at first, giving way from southwest to persistent rain and widespread hill fog.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Southwesterly gales, hill fog and showers, snow above 600-800m. Easing later.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 13 February, 2024

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southwesterly 45 to 60mph, risk 70mph for a time toward north in the morning; tending to lessen during afternoon from the south.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Difficult conditions and severe wind chill likely well into the daytime. Conditions moderating during afternoon.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Showers in west, snow on tops</b> Showers mostly near to west coast, falling as snow above 600-800m, also hail. Becoming fewer and less heavy with time. Chance of isolated lightning near coast in northern areas.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Often covering tops</b> Capping western tops most or all day, lowest around showers. Likely to come and go on many higher tops. Breaks in east and developing over many northern areas.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	A little sun mostly in east. Visibility intermittently good, but very poor in showers, whiteout if in snow and cloud.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-2C up to 0C. Wind chill feeling like -15 to -20C in morning, perhaps all day in north.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	700 to 900m, lowest inland and in showers; rising slightly during daytime.

**The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead**

	<b>Wednesday 14 February</b>	<b>Thursday 15 February</b>
<p><b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>Low confidence of forecast details: Risk east-southeasterly, perhaps 30mph, but may well be variable low speeds.</p> <p><b>More likely small.</b></p> <p><b>Possibly blustery and gusty around some mountains.</b></p>	<p>Southeasterly, perhaps only 15mph or less at first, but increasing to 25 to 40mph through the day, increasingly gusty.</p> <p><b>Increasingly blustery and gusty towards and into afternoon, with significant wind chill. Sudden gusts running downslope.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p><b>Isolated showers</b></p> <p>One or two showers near to coasts. Chance of snow flurries pushing up from the south.</p>	<p><b>Mostly dry, bar a few showers.</b></p> <p>Mostly dry for many hours, but risk of a few drizzly showers, or snow grains above upper slopes. Risk of rain and summit snow arriving later in the day.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p>	<p><b>May be very little</b></p> <p>Much cloud above the hills apart from local patches. Fog banks possible around some glens. Lower risk of lowering cloud extending in from the south.</p>	<p><b>Cloud banks, best breaks in north.</b></p> <p>Cloud banks fairly extensive across many hills at varying heights. Best breaks will be in the north towards Ben Hope to Assynt and near the west coast.</p>
<p><b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b></p>	<p><b>70%</b></p>	<p><b>50%</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Variable high cloud, some weak sun. Visibility mostly very good, locally misty in glens.</p>	<p>Fairly cloudy. a little weak sun possible in the far north and west coast. Visibility very good, but poor in any showers. May deteriorate later.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b></p> <p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>0 or -1C, up to +1C Skye. Feeling colder if wind increases.</p> <p>Around 800m, or likely higher on Skye. Frost in some glens after dawn.</p>	<p>0 to 2C, but feeling closer to -10C in the wind.</p> <p>900-1100m, highest in the south.</p>

**Planning Outlook**

**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 14 February, 2024**

A mixed week ahead as areas of low pressure rotate in from the southwest bringing spells of rain of hill snow and sometimes showers. Least precipitation typically for the Cairngorms. Higher pressure to the north of Scotland by midweek may then become more extensive for a time by next weekend, allowing some drier conditions. Wind speed and direction very variable, often west or southwesterly, but easterly for time during midweek for Scotland; lulls mixed with spells up to gale force on higher areas. Scottish mountains generally staying sub-zero, maintaining snow coverage widely here during the week ahead. High tops in England & Wales lifting above freezing point by midweek for a time.

**Forecast issued at 16:00 on Monday, 12 February, 2024**

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