

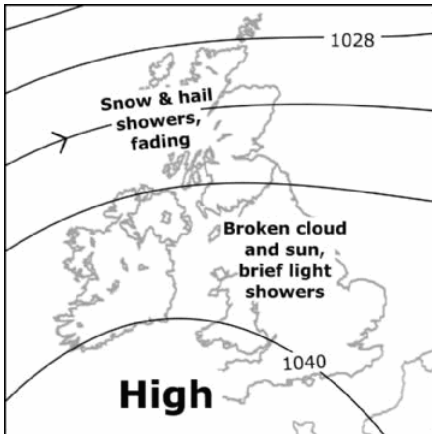
# The Northwest Highlands

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 Wednesday, 5 February, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 5 February, 2025

Chilly westerly winds, strongest in northern Scotland, gale-force on higher mountains. Showers of snow and hail mostly over western Scotland in the morning will tend to fade with time. Patchy cloud across many western tops, some breaks forming.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Windy, gales high tops. Snow & hail showers fading.

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 5 February, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	West to southwesterly 35 to 50mph; strongest northern areas, sudden gusts not just on highest terrain.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Arduous walking across most hills, buffeting affecting balance on ridges and to east of summits. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Snow and hail mostly morning</b> Showers of snow and hail frequent over western mountains in the morning; chance isolated lightning at first. Intensity of showers easing, but snow flurries continue in west, turning drizzly up to 800m. Often dry eastern hills.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Most frequent on western tops</b> Varying cloud bases will come and go over higher slopes in the morning, most frequently capping west coastal hills above 800m. Breaks more frequent with time, best further inland and east into afternoon, to some higher slopes.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>30% rising to 50%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun. Slight haze, but visibility becoming increasingly good as showers fade.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-2C rising to 0C. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	600-700m, plus frost in some glens from dawn, rising slowly just above freezing point to 900m or locally higher. Some icy surfaces, plus fresh covering of snow.

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 6 February	Friday 7 February
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	S-SW'ly 30-45mph, some powerful gusts downslope; strongest wind on mountains near west coast, risk gusts 50-55mph. <b>Affecting comfortable walking and balance over exposed terrain, more difficult toward west; considerable wind chill.</b>	Southerly 20mph, to in places gusty 35mph around some west coastal mountains, may be confined to Skye. <b>Often fairly small, but occasional gusty areas may affect comfortable walking, more likely Cuillin, giving marked wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Precipitation not expected</b>	<b>No precipitation</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Little if any</b>  Patches may drift onto southern Cuillin and nearby coastal slopes on the mainland, but most mountains likely clear.	<b>Widely clear</b>
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>Above 90%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally sunny, some thin high cloud. Visibility very good, but a haze some lower slopes, particularly toward west coast.	Extensive sunshine. Visibility excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b> <b>Freezing Level</b>	1C, but some slopes rising near 5C, particularly areas toward north/east. Wind chill feeling like -7 to -10C. Partly frozen terrain, including frost sheltered glens early morning. Gradual thawing at most elevations in the sun.	2C, small change with height, locally up to 5C some northern areas. Wind chill in places feeling -7 to -10C. Generally above freezing point across the hills, but some partly-frozen terrain on both higher & lower slopes. Frost inland glens.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 6 February, 2025

High pressure builds and becomes centred around Scandinavia in the extended outlook into next week. A chilly east to southeasterly pattern is likely to prevail into mid-February. Some lulls, but periods of gusty winds will give significant wind chill. Often extensively dry, but occasional snow flurries mainly over England & Wales, occasionally also eastern Scotland. Variable amounts of cloud, although the west and especially northwest Highlands often clear and sunny. Some mountains above freezing later this week, but from the weekend, generally sub-zero across all mountains - a sustained period of freeze from many lower slopes upward. Frost common into the valleys.

### Forecast issued at 15:00 on Tuesday, 4 February, 2025

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