

The Northwest Highlands

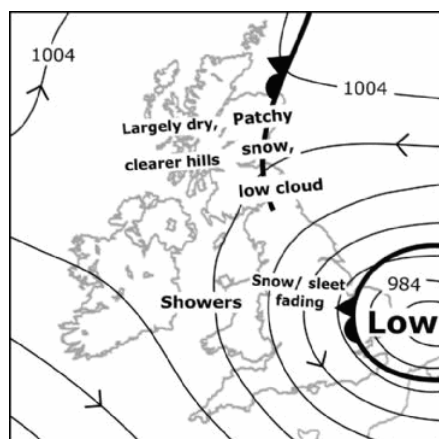
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Friday, 9 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 9 January, 2026

Patchy snowfall and low cloud over the eastern Highlands & N/E Pennines, little if any reaching western Scotland where hills will be clearer, some low-level fog. Extensive fresh snow cover for Wales and Peak District, residual flurries fade, but wind remains strong; showers with hail near west coast of Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Light wind. Western mountains largely clear.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 9 January, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Variable 5-10mph, little wind in western areas toward Skye, rare gusts. East-southeasterly in areas Ben Wyvis to Ben Hope, 10-15mph, occasional 20mph midday into afternoon. Mostly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Largely dry, possible snow flurries east Showers near west coast and toward west of Skye may stay largely offshore. In afternoon, risk snow flurries moving in from east into areas from northern Great Glen to Caithness, sleet lower slopes.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Mostly little, some cloud banks east Patchy cloud clinging to some upper slopes and corries, but often clear spells over many western mountains. Some lower cloud banks or possible fog into some glens in east, cloud may increasingly envelop Ben Wyvis area. 80% west, to 50% easternmost hills
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Any sun weak due to a veil of high cloud. Visibility excellent over many hills, some haze or mist inland glens; poorer in east if cloud rolls in.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-1 to -3C. Terrain frozen into the glens, some slopes around 300-500m inland just above freezing point, or up to 700m coasts.

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All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 10 January, 2026

Terrain stays widely frozen away from coastal slopes this weekend, fresh extensive snow for Wales and Peak District, whilst substantial snow remains across Scottish mountains. By Sunday, southerly winds strengthen to gales - as a frontal system approaches, snow then freezing rain is likely. A rise of freezing level from the southwest - thawing develops, rising just above freezing toward all higher slopes; in England and Wales much snow will thaw - here only occasionally near freezing on highest tops in the week ahead. In Scotland next week, higher mountains often near or below freezing at 800-1000m upward. A mix of rain and high-level snowfall, often windy through mid-month.

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