

# The Northwest Highlands

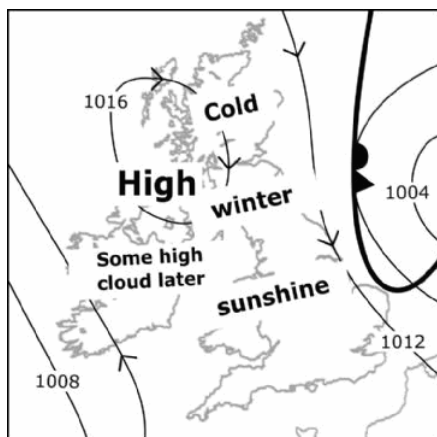
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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## General Summary for Tuesday, 17 February, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 17 February, 2026

Early snow showers in northern Scotland and north Wales, these easing to dry and sunny conditions across the country. Lying snow remains on most slopes above 700-800m, locally lower. A blustery morning, particularly eastern areas where powerful gusts will reach gale force, but easing to fairly small effects widely.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

A few coastal snow showers; cold winter sunshine, blustery early

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 17 February, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	A gusty northerly 25 to 35mph at first, soon beginning to drop from the west, to 10mph or less and variable direction.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Prepare for considerable wind chill in the morning, blustery conditions for a few hours at least, but improving to small or negligible impacts in the afternoon.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Early snow showers or flurries, dying out</b> At and before dawn, snow showers in Sutherland and near the coast to the south (a risk of hail); the risk of showers lessens with time, though a small risk an odd shower affecting coastal slopes.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Becoming confined to higher areas and increasingly clearing</b> Patchy cloud in the morning on higher slopes of Sutherland and near the west coast, patchy at best elsewhere and southern inland hills largely clear. By afternoon, patches isolated above 900m near north and west coast, and the hills mostly clear.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Rising to 80% by afternoon</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of cloud and bright sunshine, the sunshine most consistent inland. Excellent visibility, reduced around early showers.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-5C, may rise a degree, most likely near the west coast. Early in day, feeling like -15C directly in the wind, colder on high tops, easing.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	300m but most terrain frozen, including inland glens; slight rise toward coast, partial thawing lowest sunlit slopes inland, then re-freezing after sunset.

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**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 18 February, 2026**

Much terrain frozen midweek, frost into valleys and glens. Strengthening wind on Wednesday with considerable gustiness. Gales likely in Wales; possible snow moving into Wales as well, which may move further north but detail is uncertain. Late in the week and through next weekend, a switch to southwesterly winds is expected, bringing a change to milder conditions - lifting above freezing to tops in England and Wales, and generally higher freezing levels in Scotland; periods of thawing likely to Munro summits, though some further snowfall at times on higher Munros during periods of cooler northwesterly wind. Rain most frequent over western hills. Generally windy with upland gales.

**Forecast issued at 15:52 on Monday, 16 February, 2026**

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