

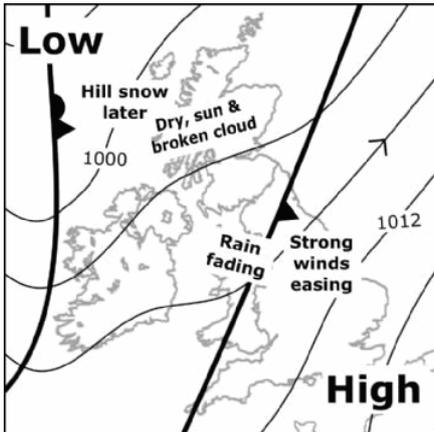
The Northwest Highlands

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 Monday, 2 March, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 2 March, 2026

A slow-moving front brings rain, drizzle and low cloud to England and Wales, also eastern Scotland at first. To the east of this, strong to gale-force winds at first east. Lighter winds for much of the Highlands all day, cloud lifting with sunny spells. Later in day, rain and hill snow moves in from west.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Fairly light wind. Often dry much of day, snow on tops later.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 2 March, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	South-southwesterly; 20 to 30mph, lowest toward the Great Glen, up to 35-40mph north of Ullapool in the afternoon. Turning westerly after dark.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery conditions affecting comfortable walking on exposed higher areas. Marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Dry much of day; rain/snow later west Remnants of overnight rain leaves odd light showers near coast, otherwise a good amount of dry weather during day. From late afternoon, showery rain moves onto west coast, then inland from dusk, turning to snow above 700m.
Cloud on the hills?	Patchy cloud, breaks best north/east Varying cloud, some banks at different heights from dawn, tending to thin and break, clearest toward north and east. Later in day, cloud lowers across west coast tops, soonest on Skye.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50% west, to 80% north/east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun breaking through, best toward north, later clouding over west. Visibility very good or excellent much of daytime, reducing later in west.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 or +1C, dropping later toward -1C. If exposed to stronger wind, feeling like -10 to -13C.
Freezing Level	Above summits prior to dawn, but lowering, to 900-1000m into daytime, by dusk likely 700-800m.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 3 March	Wednesday 4 March
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 20-25mph coastal mountains, particularly in the north. Local lower speeds toward Great Glen. Blustery and gusty in places locally toward northwest, but fairly small further south.	Southerly 30 to 45mph, strongest on and near Skye; very gusty in places around high tops and downslope toward north. Affecting comfortable walking and balance on exposed ridges, more challenging in places. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation rare if any Chance of light rain spots toward Ben Hope early in day, otherwise likely dry.	Locally damp at times near Skye Patchy drizzle occasionally around Skye and Torridon. Generally dry elsewhere.
Cloud on the hills?	Patches some western tops Thin patchy cloud drifting onto western tops mostly above 900m, locally may be more frequent north of Ullapool, otherwise well broken. Often clearing inland.	Most persistent Skye, little north/east Cloud banks likely to often roll across the higher Cuillin and nearby mainland hills above 700-800m. Patches more broken northward, more often clear far north/east.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%	30% far west, to 70% north/east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Broken cloud and sun, locally cloudier for periods in west. Visibility excellent.	Sunshine and visibility best toward the north and east, often cloudier around Skye where rather hazy.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-1C rising to +1 or 2C. If exposed to stronger wind feeling like -5 to -7C. 800m plus frost in some glens from dawn, rising above 1000m during afternoon.	1 or 2C, locally rising a degree or so higher northern areas. Directly in the wind feeling like -10 to -13C. Patchy frost in glens and sheltered higher areas from dawn, otherwise just above freezing to the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 3 March, 2026**

Varying conditions over the next couple of weeks as areas of high pressure build across the British Isles then slip eastwards. Some dry and bright days with light winds mixed with periods of strengthening southerly winds bringing occasional rain coming in from the west - Thursday this week sees rain move increasingly onto western hills. Temperatures will vary, often lifting just above freezing to higher tops, but occasionally dropping back below freezing - chillier air briefly later this week. Some frosts into valleys. Remaining old snow cover on Scottish mountains stays largely consolidated with little change, patchy around highest tops in England and Wales.

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