

Southeastern Highlands

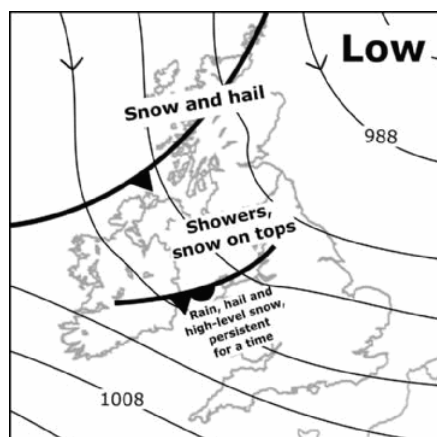
The southern Highlands as far west as the Callander area and north to Loch Erich, Drumochter and summits near Glenshee ski-centre (summits within the historic county of Perthshire). Also Ochils and Angus hills.



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General Summary for Monday, 16 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 February, 2026

Snow over northwestern mountains in Scotland will tend to extend further into Lochaber and Cairngorms by afternoon as NW'ly winds strengthen, some hail mixed in. Strong westerlies for England, gale-force on Welsh mountains, heavy showers merging into longer periods rain, snow confined to higher tops.

Headline for Southeastern Highlands

Wind drops, mostly dry; then increases later with some snow.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 16 February, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	West-northwest 25mph up to dawn, but then eases for a few hours into middle of day to 15-20mph or less. During afternoon, increasing northwesterly to 25-30mph, or 35mph by dusk. Onward into night, rapid increase to 50-60mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Soon fairly small through the morning, tending to become more blustery then onward through afternoon. Significant wind chill up to dusk. Deteriorating further later evening into night.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow mostly into afternoon, patchy Local showers or flurries in morning mostly western areas, largely dry many places onward into afternoon. Then increasing risk of more frequent snow developing from northwest during afternoon, patchier amounts south.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied over higher tops, some breaks Cloud base varying, mostly above 800m, breaks toward 1000m to occasionally 1200m, the cloud typically more broken eastwards. Tending to fill in over higher slopes more often in Ben Lawers area westward.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patches of sunshine mainly toward central belt. Visibility very good, but becoming very poor locally if in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1 or -2C, dropping toward -4C up to dusk. Directly in the wind feeling like -12 to -15C in afternoon, colder after dark.
Freezing Level	800m, but also frost in glens in morning, most widely eastern areas. Dropping later afternoon toward 600m, then 400m after dark.

Southeastern Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 17 February	Wednesday 18 February
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northerly 30 to 35mph early morning, risk stronger in east up to dawn, but dropping, to 20mph, or less during afternoon. Prepare for significant wind chill and challenging walking in exposure early in day, but improving with time.	Southeasterly 20-30mph. Very gusty, changes in direction and not just high terrain. Walking often strenuous, including on lower terrain due to chaotic, buffeting gusts. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation not expected	Precipitation unlikely
Cloud on the hills?	Increasingly clearing Patchy cloud on higher slopes in the morning, mostly above 750m. By afternoon mountains widely free of cloud.	Likely little A few cloud caps will graze the high summits but otherwise clear Munros.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	90% by afternoon	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine. Superb visibility.	Likely sunny though becoming weakened by high cloud in the south. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-5C. Early in day, feeling like -15C directly in the wind, easing. 300m but most terrain frozen: partial thawing lowest particularly sunlit slopes.	-4 or -5C. Little or no change with added height. Feeling as cold as -20C in strongest wind. Terrain likely widely frozen.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 17 February, 2026**

Much terrain frozen into midweek, frost into valleys and glens. Uncertain extent of strengthening winds by Wednesday, and possible snow moving into Wales. 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 over the mountains, though some further snowfall at times on higher Munros. Rain most frequent over western hills. Generally windy with upland gales.

Forecast issued at 15:30 on Sunday, 15 February, 2026

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