

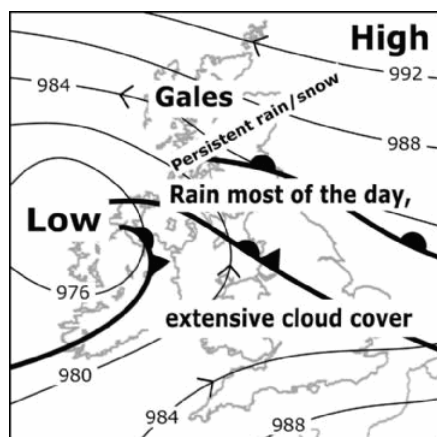
West Highlands

Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area includes Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, from Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Also Arran and Mull.



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General Summary for Wednesday, 11 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 February, 2026

Windy for many, gale force gusts in Scotland, most powerful west. Snowing south and east Highlands (whiteout on high terrain), only patchy west; rain to lower slopes at first. Extensive cloud from southern Scotland through England and Wales and often raining, heaviest south and west slopes. Lighter wind southern Pennines.

Headline for West Highlands

Gales with powerful gusts; snow and rain, most in the south

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 11 February, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 35 to 45mph, sustained speeds near the higher end of the range toward the west, powerful gusts here too, reaching 55mph on high western slopes.
Effect of wind on you?	Widely arduous walking with significant wind chill and buffeting - strongest gusts likely require bracing to maintain balance.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and snow south, more broken towards Lochaber Persistent snow from southern islands to the Trossachs, falling as rain up to 700-800m. Often snowing towards Glencoe and Ben Nevis too but more broken, some spots onto Mull as well. Only spotty snow reaching west Lochaber.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, but cloud base higher toward west Most hills around southern islands and the Trossachs shrouded from 500-700m up most of the day. Bases linger nearer 700-800m Glencoe/Loch Linnhe areas. Western Lochaber may have higher cloud base, possibly for periods 800 to 1000m, fleeting summit breaks possible.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%, 30% northwest Lochaber
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly overcast, though some weak sun may break through high cloud west of Loch Linnhe. Very poor or appalling visibility in snow, locally mostly very good in northwest.
How Cold? (at 900m)	From dawn, 0C southern islands to -2C northern areas. Lowering a degree by evening, further lowering after dark. Will feel as cold as -15 to -18C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	From dawn, 600-700m Lochaber/Creag Meagaidh, to 1000m far south. Lowering in the north, 500m by dusk; staying near 800m south and west, lowering further overnight.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 12 February	Friday 13 February
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	East northeasterly 35-40mph, a slow easing trend from north, though powerful gusts over and west of high terrain. Arduous walking with severe wind chill early, slowly easing with time, though always blustery in exposure.	North-northeasterly, some slight variability in direction through the day, 15-30mph. Fairly small in places, but often blustery with strenuous walking in high exposure with significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Most snow early From dawn, snow affecting most inland hills, also affecting Mull and southward, falling as rain up to 500m in the morning. A breaking trend from the north, though spots of snow and rain linger south.	Some snow showers near the coast Some snow showers affecting coastal mountains through the day, the showers more scattered inland (if any); a few odd showers may approach Creag Meagaidh from the north.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Most extensive south, improving from north Shrouding most high terrain with patches to middle slopes from Mull/Ben Nevis area southward in the morning, the lowest bases in the south. A breaking trend from the north with time, becoming patches on higher summits. 30%, rising to 60% northern Munros	Mostly little Patchy cloud grazes the high terrain of coastal slopes, primarily around Mull. A few banks may drift into northern Lochaber/Creag Meagaidh, as well as high summits around Ben Nevis. Many inland Munros largely cloud free. 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, some sun breaking out in the north with time. Very poor visibility from dawn in snow, turning very good from the north.	Patchy sunshine near the coast, more extensive inland. Excellent-to-superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-3 or -4C. Feeling like -20C (colder early) in strongest wind. 300-500m, locally higher in the southern islands early, lowering with time.	-6 or -7C (to -11C Ben Nevis summit at dawn), rising a degree or two in sun. Feeling as cold as -20C in strongest wind. Nearly all terrain frozen from dawn, just some coastal slopes up to 300-400m. Some thawing on sun-exposed low slopes.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 12 February, 2026

Becoming colder for all areas during the transition into the weekend, with much mountain terrain frozen again to increasingly lower elevations - soonest toward the north and east of Scotland. A widespread frost is likely early on Saturday. Northeasterly wind will be dominant - the distribution of snow showers shifting with time from eastern hills to more north-facing mountains, particularly Scotland. Away from showers later in the week, brighter than recently with sunshine and clearer hills, most likely later Friday and Saturday.

Unsettled weather returns on Sunday, with a more active week likely to follow, dominated by west-to-northwesterly winds - most precipitation in the west with some freeze-thaw cycles in central and southern areas.

Forecast issued at 16:20 on Tuesday, 10 February, 2026

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