

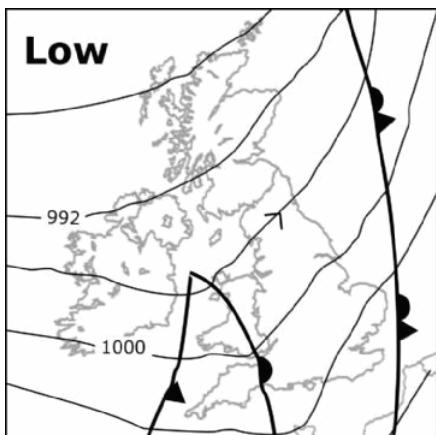
West Highlands

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 Sunday, 15 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 February, 2026

Overnight snow (considerable western Scotland north to Skye) will have cleared, leaving snow (rain lower slopes) showers in Scotland (driest toward east), whilst further south rain and snow on and off. Most mountain terrain will be frozen although thawing lower slopes.

Headline for West Highlands

Terrain largely frozen. Frequent snow. Wind near gale morning.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 15 February, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwest to westerly, mostly 30mph morning - 35mph higher tops Lochaber. Will ease toward 20 to 25 through daylight.
Effect of wind on you?	Significant wind chill and widely arduous walking on higher areas. Particularly difficult conditions near precipitation in morning.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent hail and snow Persistent snow before dawn. Then succession of sudden, sometimes heavy, hail and snow showers - in places precipitation rarely ceasing over an hour or two giving whiteout. Small risk lightning. Fewest showers will be on easternmost mountains in the afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Persistently covering the mountains Occasionally breaking to near or in afternoon above 900m at least fleetingly, but overall extensive cloud above 500 or 600m, and sometimes forming on lower slopes near precipitation.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Less than 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional bursts of sunshine, mainly lower slopes toward central highlands. Fleeting excellent visibility, but abruptly appalling or near zero in snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C. Will feel as close to minus 12C where exposed to the wind.
Freezing Level	Nearly all terrain frozen, albeit freezing leve soon between 700 and 800m, or on coastal summits sometimes 900m.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 16 February	Tuesday 17 February
How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly; there may well be a lull to below 20mph for a few hours before strengthening to 25 or 30mph.	Northerly high confidence in dropping to less than 15mph in a lull, but for a few hours from dawn 25, possibly 35mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable wind chill and walking impeded by the wind, perhaps arduous at times.	Becoming negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow showers; sometimes frequent Snow and hail showers, sometimes one after another, giving whiteout. Periods of little or no precipitation toward central highlands, Loch Lomond NP, and increasingly Arran. Chance isolated thunder.	Snow showers or flurries dying out Snow and hail showers near the coast will through morning become isolated or probably all clear.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive; highest cloud base toward central belt and central highlands Cloud base varying, sometimes quickly, between 350m near precipitation and otherwise 600 to 800m. Toward the central highlands and Loch Lomond NP, cloud rarely below 600m and breaks toward 1000m.	Becoming confined to higher areas and increasingly clearing By afternoon patches above 750 to 900m, but increasingly mountains free of cloud. Earlier in day cloud may be extensive on higher slopes near the coast but patchy elsewhere.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	80% by afternoon
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine mainly central highlands and Loch Lomond NP. Very varied visibility; intermittently appalling or near zero in snow, but otherwise excellent.	Bright sunshine increasingly. Superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-4C. Will feel around minus 15C directly in the wind.	-5C
Freezing Level	750m, dropping toward 550m. Some valleys frozen or partly frozen after a frost.	300m but most terrain frozen: partial thawing lowest particularly sunlit slopes.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 16 February, 2026

Persistently cold most mountain areas, particularly across Scotland next week. Further snow from time to time. England and particularly Wales will have intermittently higher freezing levels resulting in freeze-thaw cycles.

Forecast issued at 12:13 on Saturday, 14 February, 2026

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