

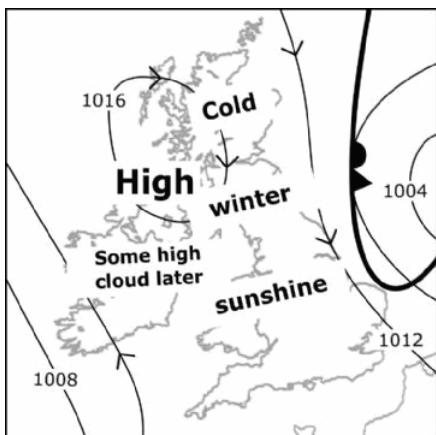
West Highlands

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 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 West Highlands

Cold winter sunshine over lying snow, blustery early

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 17 February, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	A gusty northerly 25 to 35mph in the morning, strongest from Ben Nevis range south towards Arran and Argyll, soon beginning to drop to 15mph or less afternoon with variable direction.
Effect of wind on you?	Prepare for considerable wind chill in the morning, blustery conditions for a few hours at least, but improving.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Likely dry during daylight Risk of a few odd snow showers near northern coasts and perhaps Creag Meagaidh at and before dawn, soon fading to dry conditions.
Cloud on the hills?	Few patches northern areas Cloud banks mostly on higher slopes near coastal Lochaber and Creag Meagaidh, largely above 800m. Cloud will tend to dissipate to just odd ragged patches, and likely entirely clear later.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Rising to 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine increasingly, but some thin high cloud approaching from the southwest later in the day. Superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-5C, may rise a degree, most likely northern coastal slopes. Early in day, feeling like -15C directly in the wind, or colder on high tops, easing.
Freezing Level	Most terrain frozen, including inland glens; slight rise toward coast, approaching 400m on sunlit slopes, then re-freezing after sunset.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 18 February	Thursday 19 February
How windy? (On the Munros)	South-southeasterly 25-35mph, strengthening, 45mph south coast later with powerful gusts, risk 55mph.	Generally southerly, some variability, 35-45mph; strong gusts, approaching 55mph or higher Lochaber.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking/considerable buffeting, deteriorating south to challenging conditions and severe wind chill.	Walking arduous with severe wind chill; buffeting in exposure making it challenging to stay on your feet.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No precipitation expected	Some patchy coastal precipitation Patchy snow affecting west coastal slopes in the afternoon, rain below 500m; a marginal risk of spreading more widely into evening.
Cloud on the hills?	Little or none A few cloud caps may graze highest tops from the southern islands to Mull, but Munros substantially clear of cloud all day.	Fleeting caps on coastal summits The hills largely free of cloud well into the day except for some caps on high tops from Arran to Mull. Later in the day, cloud moves in from the west to graze high terrain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	90%	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny though weak through high cloud in southern areas. Excellent visibility.	Often sunny but weakened by high cloud, which may thicken with time. Very good visibility, some haze near the coastal south.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-4C, locally -3C Mull and coastal Lochaber. Feeling as cold as -20C in strongest wind.	-3 or -2C, locally variable and only little change with added height.
Freezing Level	Most terrain frozen from dawn, low sun-exposed slopes thawing, up to 400-500m coastal Lochaber.	Terrain widely frozen from dawn, lifting though spatially variable, 400-600m.

Planning Outlook

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.

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