

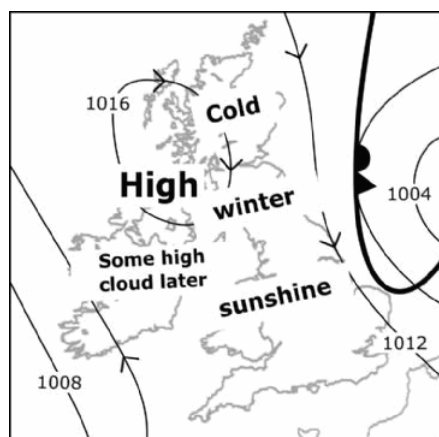
# West Highlands

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

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| <b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>                 | 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.  |
| <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>                     | <b>Prepare for considerable wind chill in the morning, blustery conditions for a few hours at least, but improving.</b>  |
| <b>How wet?</b><br>(Precipitation and its impact) | <b>Likely dry during daylight</b><br>Risk of a few odd snow showers near northern coasts and perhaps Creag Meagaidh at and before dawn, soon fading to dry conditions.   |
| <b>Cloud on the hills?</b>                        | <b>Few patches northern areas</b><br>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. |
| <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>               | <b>Rising to 90%</b>   |
| <b>Sunshine?</b><br>Air clarity (below cloud)     | Bright sunshine increasingly, but some thin high cloud approaching from the southwest later in the day.<br>Superb visibility.  |
| <b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>                        | -5C, may rise a degree, most likely northern coastal slopes.<br>Early in day, feeling like -15C directly in the wind, or colder on high tops, easing.  |
| <b>Freezing Level</b>                             | Most terrain frozen, including inland glens; slight rise toward coast, approaching 400m on sunlit slopes, then re-freezing after sunset.   |

**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.

**Forecast issued at 15:52 on Monday, 16 February, 2026**

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