

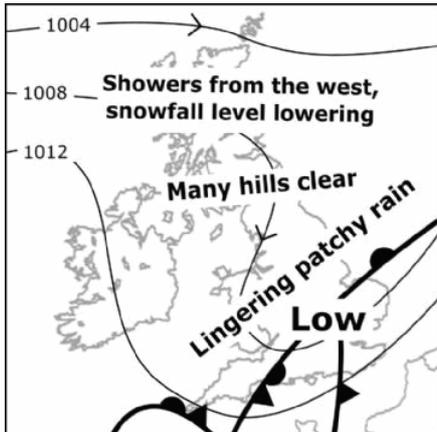
West Highlands

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 Friday, 27 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 27 February, 2026

Blustery showers in north and west Scotland, snow above 800m, this level lowering; wind eases, showers isolate to the northwest. Patchy rain in south Scotland and north England, fairly small wind effects, some clear hills. Overnight rain central/south Pennines and Wales turns patchy; risk of changeable conditions here.

Headline for West Highlands

Early breeze; showers from the west, increasingly as snow

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 27 February, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 20 to 30mph, stronger pre-dawn and southwesterly. Tending to ease and shifting northwesterly, 15-20mph.
Effect of wind on you?	In the morning, blustery wind impedes comfortable walking over higher terrain with marked wind chill. Easing towards fairly small effects.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, snowfall level lowering, easing later Showers arrive from the west, snow falling to 800-900m, lowering with time to 300-400m by evening. Showers at times move through as clusters. Tending to ease, lingering longest near/west of Loch Linnhe.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Mostly high terrain, sometimes lower, may improve Terrain above 800-900m often in cloud, bases to middle slopes during showers, but with time a breaking trend, some "ribbons" at higher elevations but also breaks to summits possible, best chance inland. Despite improving trend, a risk of passing high cloud banks near coastal Lochaber into evening. 30% rising to 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun bursts increasingly break out between showers, best chance to the east. Good visibility but some haze towards the west.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	0 or +1C from dawn, tending to lower from northwest to -1C, locally -2C in the north, then more widely into night. Feeling near -10C directly in the wind early in the day, this effect easing. 1000-1100m from dawn, a lowering trend likely, perhaps reaching to 700-800m over Lochaber to Mull afternoon.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 28 February	Sunday 1 March
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 15-20mph, shifting southerly and slowing rising, 25-40mph by dusk, always strongest west Fairly small to start, increasingly blustery, walking becoming challenging in exposure in west and wind chill significant.	Southerly 30-35mph, strongest towards the west coast and downslope to the north. A rising trend with time, to 55mph west. Strenuous walking with chaotic gusts all day. Deteriorating, conditions becoming difficult west; significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Much of day likely dry Chance of brief showers near coast in morning, snow flurries above 600m. Onward into the night, risk of rain preceded by hill snow moving in from west.	Patchy rain/snow, rain more extensive later Patchy rain and snow from dawn, snow falling mostly above 700m but locally lower. With time, rain arriving from the southwest, may become widespread into later afternoon.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Lifting from many hills Some cloud banks along coastal Munros and near Loch Lomond in the morning, mostly above 900m. A breaking and lifting trend with time, many inland Munros clearing. 60%	Extensive, some variability early The Munros becoming shrouded from 700-800m up as the day goes, bases often lower on southern aspects, notably Loch Lomond to Mull. More variable cloud in the morning, bases higher with breaks to some tops, some patches in corries too. 40% early, soon lowering, to 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly a good amount of sun, patchy cloud for a time south; high cloud tending to build later. Visibility excellent.	Little sunshine expected. Very good visibility away from fog/rain.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-2C, lifting to -1C, 0C later along coast/islands. Wind chill feeling like -10 to later -15C. 400 to 600m, plus frost some sheltered lower areas early morning. Likely rising somewhat later in day near coast/islands.	-1C, lifting to 4C. Feeling like -10 to -12C in direct wind. 500-700m from dawn, local variability, including lower frosts. Lifting with time to above the summits afternoon.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 28 February, 2026**

A changeable southwesterly regime continues through the weekend into early next week. Colder for a time with lowering freezing levels on Saturday allowing some refreezing of higher mountain terrain mainly in Scotland, the snowpack on high mountains consolidating following recent thawing. Early low frosts possible into north England as well. Milder air and thawing returns into Sunday, accompanied by rain and upland gales. During next week, higher pressure is expected to develop around the British Isles, bringing quieter weather, drier for most with lighter winds. Some fronts may continue to graze northwest Scotland with rain and stronger winds. Temperatures tending to be on the milder side during early March, occasional cooler winds lowering freezing levels, but winter conditions only on high Munros.

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