

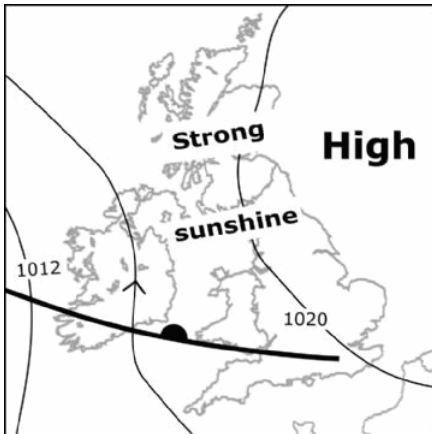
The Northwest Highlands

Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Sunday, 11 August, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 August, 2024

A fine, warm and sunny day for most places. Early light showers in northwest Scotland fading. Increasingly humid Wales and south Pennines. Light winds in the morning, strengthening southeasterlies in afternoon; toward dusk reaching gale-force near west coast of Scotland - bursts of rain arriving here into the night.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Breeze increasing, gales later in west. Cloud breaking.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 11 August, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwest turning southeasterly; 15 to 25mph, least wind during middle of day. Increasing toward evening, to 35mph on the Cuillin, reaching gusty 50mph here by sunset, then more widely into the night.
Effect of wind on you?	Small much of day, but starting to affect balance and stability later in the day. Beware of conditions widely deteriorating from dusk.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	A little rain at first then dry until night Drizzly showers on western coastal hills early morning, soon confined toward the north then widely fading out. Into the night, spots of rain developing near Skye as high cloud thickens, then risk bursts of rain moving in from southwest.
Cloud on the hills?	Early cloud clearing Banks of cloud on western mountains in the morning, covering the Cuillin and tops in Wester Ross above 600 to 800m for a few hours. Brief patches elsewhere above 800-1000m. Will all lift and break into middle of day.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40% in morning, rising to 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunny spells developing into middle of day and afternoon, high cloud building from west toward the evening. Mostly good visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	7C rising to 11C, or warmer and more humid air into evening, but offset by the strengthening winds.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 12 August	Tuesday 13 August
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly, very gusty 40 to 50mph+ from before dawn into morning. Later southwesterly, 20-35mph, strongest west. Challenging turbulent conditions particularly in the morning, but buffeting much of the day near to west coast.	South to southwesterly, 30 to 40mph, but risk 50-60mph for a few hours on west coastal mountains, especially Skye. Buffeting across most higher terrain all day, but beware of more difficult conditions for at least part of the day in west.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Thundery rain for a time Extensive rain likely for a few hours in the morning, some embedded heavy and thundery bursts tracking northeastwards. Likely to clear, leaving occasional showers, mainly in west.	Rain most persistent in west Drizzly rain around Skye and nearby mainland much of the day, at times some steadier pulses of rain. Smaller amounts of patchy rain and drizzle extending northeastwards; least near Ben Wyvis.
Cloud on the hills?	Most persistent in west During and just after rain, varied but fairly extensive low cloud from forest canopies upwards. Gradually lifting and thinning with some hills clearing. Western coastal hills more likely to hold cloud banks all day.	Lowest west coasts near Skye Shrouding mountains from Cuillin to Kintail and much of Wester Ross all day above 600 to 800m, but to lower slopes for periods nearest to coasts. Higher bases toward Ben Hope to Ben Wyvis, some breaks above 900m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10% west coast, 30% elsewhere.	10% west, 40% north/east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Some sun developing as high cloud thins. Misty in rain, visibility improving to become good, but a haze in west.	Glimpses of sun through high cloud, best toward north and east in the morning where visibility good. Overcast and mostly murky near Skye.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	13C from before dawn, but soon falling as a cold front passes, to between 6 and 8C for rest of day. Above the summits	7 to 9C. Feeling sub-zero where exposed to stronger winds on tops. Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 12 August, 2024

West to southwesterly winds will prevail during the week ahead, maintaining generally unsettled weather patterns coming in from the Atlantic. Frequent and at times heavy rainfall concentrated over western mountains, where ground conditions increasingly saturated. Often extensive low cloud. Periods of strong to gale-force winds are likely midweek onward. Generally cool and unsettled toward next weekend.

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