

# The Northwest Highlands

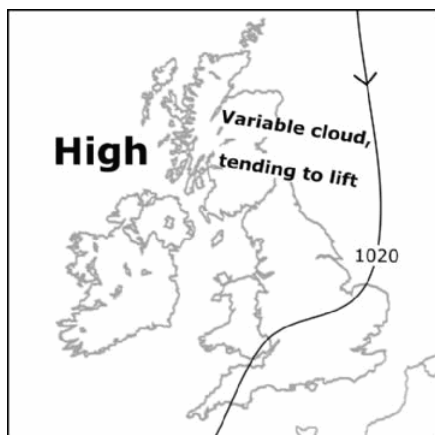
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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## General Summary for Thursday, 21 August, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 21 August, 2025

Rather cool, but a generally fine day. Light winds for the Highlands; breezier for England & Wales, particularly in the morning. Cloud locally thick enough for drizzle early morning, but lifting above most summits, some sun increasingly breaking through. Sunnier overall for Wales.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Cool, but mostly light wind. Cloud clearing many tops, some sun.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 21 August, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Northeast 10 to 20mph at dawn, strongest down the west coast. Tending to drop and become variable 5-10mph or less, later west to northwesterly 10mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Marked chill at first in the wind, but becoming small.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Dry, bar local spots of drizzle in cloud.</b> Scope for some spots of drizzle from the areas of low cloud as they drift south, mainly in the morning across northern and eastern areas, briefly a light shower.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Varied cloud, but tending to lift off hills.</b> Cloud drifting south in morning, covering tops above 700-900m. Bases will lift and break up, with hills likely to clear, but slow to clear some coastal tops where patches may come and go on summits into afternoon.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>50% lifting to 80% afternoon.</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Often cloudy morning, before sun breaks through more frequently. Visibility mostly very good or excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	4 or 5C at dawn (feeling sub-zero in wind), lifting to 7 to 10C in the afternoon, but still only 6C Ben Hope.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits, but chilly start, with heavy dew for inland glens.

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 22 August	Saturday 23 August
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Northerly or variable 10 to 15mph, or often less for inland mountains.  <b>Small</b>	Variable direction 5 to 10mph. May become southeasterly 10-15mph on Skye. <b>Negligible</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain unlikely</b> Scope for an isolated light shower. Otherwise dry.	<b>Little or no rain</b> Spots of rain from high cloud layers, possibly locally steadier light rain for a time, chance of a brief heavier shower, but many places may well stay largely dry.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>          <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Varied banks, may linger northern tops</b>  Patches or banks of cloud, mid to upper slopes; cloud top initially around 1000-1200m, high summits start just above this cloud. Tending to lift upslope to tops and then break, but may linger tops toward west coast and in north.  <b>40 to 70%, highest well inland.</b>	<b>Mostly little, risk cloud banks Skye</b>  Fragments of cloud around some slopes and patchy mist some glens at first. Local cloud banks capping higher slopes if rain occurs, but many hills often clear. Cloud may be more common on Cuillin.  <b>70%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine, especially well inland. May be hazy due to the presence of upper cloud. Visibility very good.	Occasional sun and varied high cloud. Visibility excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	4C lifting to 6 to 9C, highest in the south.  Above the summits, but slight ground frost some inland glens.	6 to 9C from dawn, coldest north/east. Rising to 11 to 13C afternoon.  Above the summits. Slight frost possible sheltered glens at dawn.

## Planning Outlook

## All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 22 August, 2025

High pressure persists into the weekend, maintaining substantially dry weather, though expect variable amounts of cloud, covering some hills for periods. A weak front encroaching from the west may give a little rain to western Scotland on Saturday. Light variable winds for the next few days, then southeasterly winds increasing Sunday, soonest for western regions, risk becoming much windier by Monday in west, then more widely with time. Low pressure is expected to move closer to the British Isles into the middle of next week, with a greater risk of showery rain. A more unsettled pattern toward the change of month is increasingly likely.

## Forecast issued at 16:27 on Wednesday, 20 August, 2025

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