

The Northwest Highlands

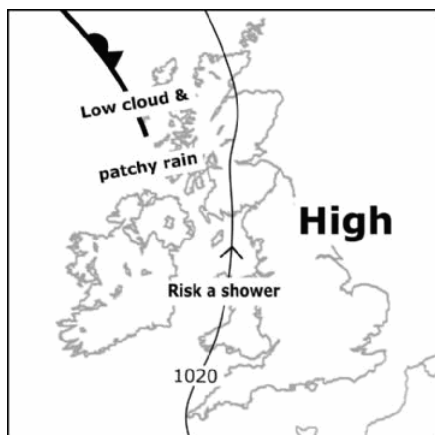
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Saturday, 23 August, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 August, 2025

Cloudy skies for many places, varied areas of low cloud on some hill slopes in the morning, largely lifting above the tops, but may continue to cap higher western mountains in Scotland, with a little rain occasionally. An odd shower in north Wales in afternoon. Winds generally light.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

A little rain mostly in west, varied cloud; light-moderate breeze.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 23 August, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly 10-15mph on and near Skye, increasing a little to 15mph, occasional gusts 20mph into afternoon. Elsewhere mostly 10mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	Small, very locally feeling breezier where exposed on Cuillin.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Occasional spots or a shower Spots of rain from high cloud layers, locally an odd light shower, mostly western areas. Amounting to little in total, many places inland may remain often dry. Tonight, the rain becoming more persistent on and near Skye.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied cloud, mostly around Skye Fragments of cloud around some slopes and patchy mist some glens at first. Cloud banks drifting across higher slopes for periods, mostly around light rain, most common over the Cuillin.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40% Skye, to 70% further north/east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy west; occasional sun and varied high cloud. Visibility excellent north & east, but reduced in local rain, mistier at times coastal hills.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 to 9C from dawn, coldest north/east. Rising to 10 to 12C afternoon.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 24 August	Monday 25 August
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South to southeasterly 15 to 25mph on Skye and nearest west coast, tending to increase; mostly 10-15mph or less inland. Becoming noticeably gusty in places over the Cuillin ridge, may start to affect balance. Mostly small elsewhere.	South-southeasterly, strengthening, on and near Skye 25-35mph, reaching 45-50mph. Toward N & E: 15-25mph, later 30-35mph. Frequent buffeting west, increasingly challenging on Cuillin. Starting to affect comfortable walking all higher terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	A little rain mostly Skye Spots of drizzle or light rain, occasionally a light shower of rain, mostly Skye and nearby mainland. An odd shower may drift northeastwards in afternoon.	Rain unlikely until late Dry most or all day. Odd spots may move onto coastal areas near Skye. By evening, risk of steadier rain developing from southwest.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Varied cloud on tops, may persist Skye Cloud banks frequently cover the higher Cuillin, to mid-slopes southern areas mostly morning; some breaks afternoon. Patches mostly well broken elsewhere, but filling in on higher slopes for periods. 30% Skye, to 60% elsewhere.	Mostly little if any Patchy cloud around some slopes in the morning, largely lifting and dispersing to leave the mountains generally clear. Cloud may come and go over the Cuillin for periods. 80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun mostly weak through high cloud, thicker overcast cloud cover for periods. Visibility very good away from cloud; hazy or misty around Skye in morning.	Sun and patchy cloud, high cloud tending to thicken from the west. Visibility very good, but hazier around Skye.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	11C from dawn (warmer than inland glens at first), slight rise to 13C. Above the summits	11 to 13C, warmest inland, N & E. In the wind feeling below 5C, near 0C on Skye, but more widely later. Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 24 August, 2025

High pressure drifts slowly east, whilst low pressure over the Atlantic encroaches nearer in the early part of the new week. Southeasterly winds increasing Sunday-Monday, soonest for western regions, becoming much windier by Monday in west, then more widely with time. Areas of rain and showery bursts increasingly widespread as the week progresses as low pressure then rotates slowly over Britain - day-to-day detail becomes very uncertain. Warmer and more humid for a time, then cooler later in week.

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