

# The Northwest Highlands

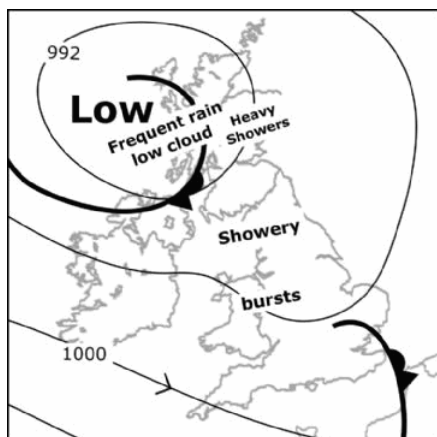
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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## General Summary for Friday, 29 August, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 29 August, 2025

Rain frequent or persistent for western Scotland most of the day, some slow-moving heavy bursts, these extending increasingly eastwards over the Highlands. Clusters of showery rain over western England and Wales will drift eastwards during the day on fresh and gusty winds.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Wettest around Skye, increasingly showery. Mostly light wind.

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 29 August, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Variable in the morning 10-15mph, trending westerly later, may increase a little on Skye to 15-20mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Mostly small. Notable gusts around afternoon thundery showers.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Often raining, risk thunder later</b> Rain frequent throughout the day Skye and Wester Ross, but increasingly widely showery bursts forming. Into afternoon, downpours particularly inland with local thunder inland. Far north may escape more often dry.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Variable patches, increasing in rain</b> From dawn, patchy cloud banks at various heights from middle slopes up; more extensive on and near Skye. Bases tending to rise and at times breaking towards tops, though more extensive banks return during and after rain.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Chance of glimpses of sun though often dull. Visibility often poor in cloud and rain, though very good during breaks.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	8 or 9C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits

	Saturday 30 August	Sunday 31 August
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southwesterly 10-20mph first, turning southeasterly and rising, to 40-60mph afternoon, strongest and soonest on Skye. <b>Small early in day, but deteriorating to make walking more strenuous, balance increasingly challenging, especially Cuillin.</b>	Southerly, 35 to 50mph, but on Skye and nearby coastal mountains often 50-60mph, risk stronger gusts for periods. <b>Arduous walking conditions widely, often difficult mobility on western mountains, gusts could knock you over.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain sets in from the south later</b> From dawn, spots of drizzly rain here and there, more frequent southern Cuillin and nearby. Largely dry inland for many hours. Rain sets in from the south later, becoming widespread and heavy for several hours into evening.	<b>Frequent rain, showery</b> Often raining all day Skye and possibly most western mountains, but widely showery at least; heavy bursts mixed in. Eastern hills have greater chance of being drier for periods.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Patchy on high areas, filling in later</b>  From dawn, patchy banks of cloud above 700-800m, high tops likely capped; high Cuillin ridge likely in cloud too. May slightly improve for a time, though later fills in extensively from the south as rain sets in.	<b>Most persistent around Skye</b>  Cloud base varying, but extensively shrouding western mountains above 600-800 during rain, some patches to lower slopes at times. Best of higher breaks further north and eastwards.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>10% Skye, to 30% north/east.</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sun through high cloud from dawn, gradually turning overcast. Good visibility, turning poor in rain later.	Brief glimpses of sun mostly north/east. General haze west, poor in rain; better visibility east.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	9C, little change all day. Feeling below freezing in strongest wind.  Above the summits	7 or 8C, little change all day. Wind chill feeling like -5C in exposure.  Above the summits

**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 30 August, 2025**

An unsettled weekend ahead driven by low pressure to the west/north of Scotland. Brisk westerlies will drive showery rain onto western mountains, at times drifting eastwards. Some local thundery downpours may arise. Saturday in particular will be very windy with widespread risk of gales and heavy rain setting in from the southwest. Sunny periods will arise between weather features, greatest chance in eastern areas later in the weekend and early next week. Next week stays mixed with low pressure in charge, frequent rain or showers continuing. Some improvement later in the week as pressure tends to rise.

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