

The Northwest Highlands

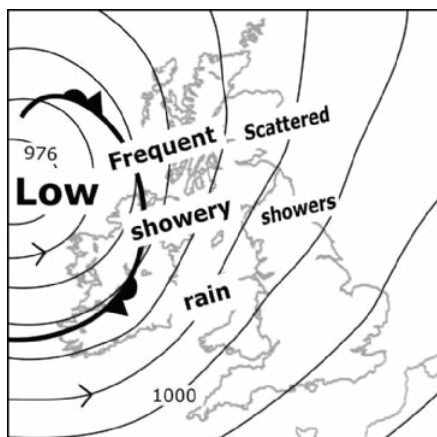
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Sunday, 31 August, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 31 August, 2025

Low pressure southwest of the Hebrides, brings strong to gale force southerly winds; marked chill. Showery rain frequent on western hills from west Highlands to Snowdonia, with showers increasingly developing elsewhere. Hill fog varied, but extensive west/southern Highlands. Highest cloud bases in northern Scotland.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Southerly gales, significant chill. Rain and hill fog west and south. Best in the north.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 31 August, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly, 35 to 50mph, strongest west; on Skye and nearby coastal mountains often 50-60mph, local stronger gusts.
Effect of wind on you?	Arduous walking conditions widely, often difficult mobility on western mountains, gusts could knock you over. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery rain in south/west, drier in north. Frequent showery rain all day on Skye, a scattering of showers developing elsewhere, heavy bursts mixed in mainly afternoon. Areas toward Ben Hope and Wyvis, will escape dry well into the day.
Cloud on the hills?	Persistent around Skye. Good breaks north and east. Cloud base varying, but extensively shrouding western mountains above 600-800 during rain, some patches to lower slopes at times. Higher, more well broken, cloud bases further north and eastwards, toward Ben Hope and Wyvis, clearing for periods.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20% Skye, to 70% north/east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief glimpses of sun mostly north/east. General haze west, poor in rain; better visibility east.
How Cold? (at 900m)	7 or 8C, little change all day. Wind chill feeling like -5C in exposure.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

	Monday 1 September	Tuesday 2 September
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly, 30 to 50mph, speed likely to vary, but strongest west coast and Skye, becoming west-southwesterly by dusk. Frequent buffeting, strenuous walking over exposed high terrain, affecting balance on ridges. Difficult conditions west coast/Skye. Considerable wind	Southwesterly 25 to 30mph, strongest across northern hills in the morning when perhaps 35mph. Blustery with a marked chill in the wind. Some buffeting, perhaps frequent for a time in the north.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy showers, hail and thunder Frequent or more constant heavy rain much of the day around Skye. Elsewhere, driest in morning, but increasingly widely showery. Heavy bursts with hail, risk of lightning.	Frequent showery rain in the west Areas of showery rain will be frequent across hills on and near Skye. Increasingly a scattering of showers into the north and east too, after dry start.
Cloud on the hills? 	Most persistent around Skye, varied inland Often covering higher slopes of the Cuillin and nearby coastal mountains on the mainland above 600 to 800m. Further north and east, cloud more broken above 800m, sometimes clearing higher tops.	Extensive on and near Skye. Hill fog extensive across higher slopes, and at times to mid slopes in rain, on and near Skye. Occasionally capping tops in the north and east.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10% Skye, to 30% elsewhere.	30% on and near Skye. 60% elsewhere.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mostly toward northern areas. General haze near Skye, but visibility very good below cloud inland.	Sunny glimpses will mostly be limited to northern and eastern hills. Visibility poor in rain in west, very good often in the north and east.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	7 to 9C. Feeling sub-zero directly in the wind, near -5C high tops. Above the summits	8 to 10C Above the summits

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 1 September, 2025

Forecast issued at 16:26 on Saturday, 30 August, 2025

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