

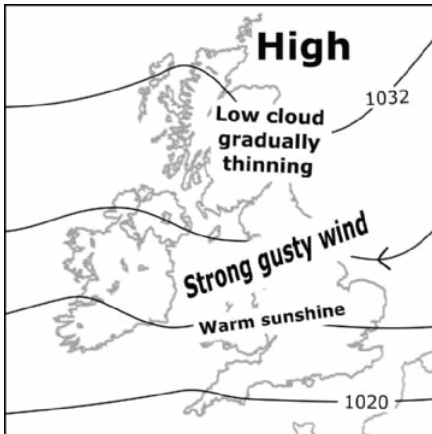
# The Northwest Highlands

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, 12 July, 2026



### British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 12 July, 2026

Cloud shrouds many hills in Scotland and NE England in the morning, more broken westwards; slowly tending to thin to leave patchier cloud on higher tops mainly eastern Scotland by afternoon. A notably strong gusty easterly wind for England & Wales, but mostly sunny. Warm for Wales & Peak District.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Low cloud mostly inland/east, improving. Wind mostly light.

## Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 12 July, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Generally southeasterly but variable, 10mph and often less.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Negligible
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Soon generally dry</b> Local pockets of drizzle early in the day, mainly near the Great Glen and eastwards, but fading out to be dry.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Fairly extensive early, thickest toward east, increasingly broken</b> At dawn, extensive to middle slopes widely, to lower slopes east where fog will reach locally into glens. Through morning, bases rise with breaks beginning to form, soonest west. Fog lingers above 800m Ben Wyvis to Ben Hope. Cloud caps occasionally on west coast tops, but many places clearing by mid-afternoon into evening.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20%, rising to 50%, to 70% later afternoon, sooner west coast.</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Overcast and misty poor visibility in east in morning, sun bursts increasingly common to the west, most extensive low slopes where visibility will be excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	8 to 11C at dawn, coolest east; rising to 14C Skye and near Torridon; staying cooler north and east, not rising above 11C here.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 13 July	Tuesday 14 July
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southeasterly or variable less than 10mph.  <b>Negligible.</b>	Variable or southeasterly, 10mph or less many areas, but local 15mph gusts 20mph at times, mainly Sutherland.  <b>Mostly small.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>No rain expected</b>	<b>No rain expected</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Little expected</b>  At dawn, varied thin banks of cloud mostly middle western slopes; summits will be above any banks. Cloud soon dissipates for largely clear Munros; a few varied banks may reform on high terrain to the west, not necessarily covering tops.  <b>80%</b>	<b>Higher terrain clear</b>  Fog mainly in and just above eastward draining glens on lower hill slopes from dawn, retreating back to the North Sea coast in the morning and dispersing. Tops widely clear all day.  <b>Above 90%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny. Excellent visibility.	Strong sunshine and excellent visibility on hills, early mist lower down, leaving some low level haze.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	10C rising to 14 or 15C; westernmost slopes warmest, locally to 16C. Western sunny glens will approach 25C.  Above the summits.	14C from dawn (warmer than many glens), rising to 17C (glens reach 25C), locally slightly warmer Wester Ross.  Above the summits.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 13 July, 2026**

A fine week of summer weather - warm and dry with pleasantly warm temperatures and often plenty of sunshine. High pressure north of the country keeps the skies mostly clear, some low-level cloud rolling inland from the North Sea at times. A prevailing easterly flow, pushing the warmest temperatures to western hill groups, valley temperatures often 25C, or warmer for Wales and Peak District, at times 30C. A fairly sustained breeze most of the week in England and Wales, at times stronger and quite gusty. Notably dry ground conditions, beware very high fire risk. Later in the week, an increasing risk of thundery showers forming, with a cooling trend into the weekend 18-19th.

**Forecast issued at 16:00 on Saturday, 11 July, 2026**

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