

The Northwest Highlands

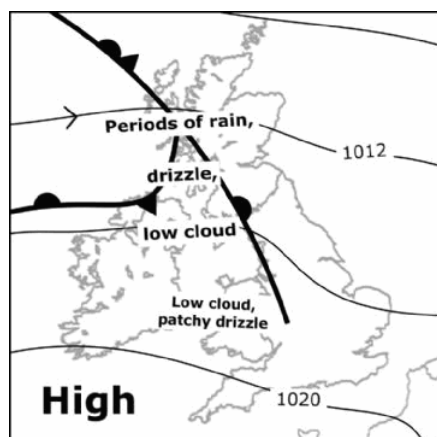
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Monday, 27 July, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 27 July, 2026

Fresh to strong west to southwesterly winds, rather cool on Scottish tops. Rain and drizzle frequent in western Scotland, patchier eastwards. Some drizzly rain for Lakes and north Wales. Low cloud affecting most western hills, higher bases eastwards.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Blustery, rain and drizzle, lowest cloud west.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 27 July, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	West-southwesterly 25 to 30mph, gusts over 35mph on higher mountains.
Effect of wind on you?	Ease of walking impacted in exposure, in places may become more strenuous on higher terrain, affecting balance on ridges. Feeling rather cool on tops.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly rain, setting in wetter near Skye Patchy rain drifts from the west most of the day, drier windows, but also often drizzly on high western terrain in cloud. Increasingly steadier falls towards southern areas around Skye and Kintail late morning into afternoon.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Becoming fairly extensive, lowest west Varied cloud above 700-800m in the morning, best of breaks near and north of Ben Wyvis. Cloud fills in from the southwest, terrain above 700m likely widely shrouded by later afternoon, with lower banks coming and going, most persistent Skye. A few odd breaks here and there. 50% lowering to 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sun through morning, very good visibility north and east; increasingly overcast from southwest, dull along the coast with visibility deteriorating.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	6 or 7C rising to 9 or 10C afternoon, little change into night. Feeling like 0 to -3C in strongest wind on the Munros. Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 28 July	Wednesday 29 July
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 40 to 55mph, gusts 60-70mph soonest near Skye but increasingly widely. Challenging walking conditions, balance difficult on exposed ridges, gusts could knock you over. Considerable wind chill.	Southwesterly 20 to 30mph, likely strongest early in the day, may be nearer 40mph around dawn. Blustery start, considerable buffeting at first tending to lessen, but may still feel uncomfortable in exposure on ridges.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent or persistent rain, some heavy Rain or drizzle much of the day particularly on western mountains, some more prolonged heavier falls. Occasionally easing off with some drier breaks in east.	Patchy rain Occasional rain and showers, may become more frequent rain on west coastal hills. Small risk of rain setting in for longer.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Extensive Blanket low cloud across the mountains, shrouding west coastal areas from lower elevations upward for periods. Some higher bases above 700m inland and east. 10%	Most persistent near Skye Banks of cloud likely over coastal hills, particularly Skye, may linger on some southern slopes to mid-elevations. Varied on tops elsewhere, good breaks eastward. 30% west, 50% inland/east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally overcast and dull, poor visibility much of day west and widely in rain, some improvements at times in east.	Glimpses of sun, mostly eastern areas. Visibility reduced around rain, otherwise good below cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	8 to 10C, coolest on coastal tops, little variation all day. Feeling below freezing directly in wind. Above the summits.	7C, mostly little change, but some eastern areas may reach 10C. Feeling near/below freezing in the wind. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 28 July, 2026**

Southwesterly winds will bring rain to most places early this week, some more prolonged heavier falls for western Scotland into Tuesday, accompanied by gales over high terrain, severe on Scottish tops, but rather humid for all, warm for England and Wales. Cooler air toward northwest Scotland moves across all of Scotland by Wednesday. Showery rain through mid-late week, some heavy and possibly thundery bursts, mainly Scotland. Likely drier for Wales and southern Pennines. Remaining very uncertain detail toward next weekend and early the following week, but indications favour a broad zone of low pressure bringing areas of rain and heavy showers through early August.

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