

The Northwest Highlands

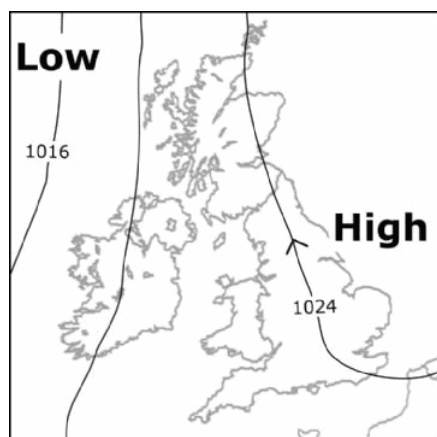
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Tuesday, 11 August, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 August, 2026

Fine and widely sunny - albeit patches of high thin cloud. In Scotland cloudy at times near west coast, whilst centred on the SE Highlands, persistent low cloud in the morning. Becoming very warm England and Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Dry; sunshine, most extensive well inland.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 11 August, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly 15mph, although later 20mph westernmost summits near Skye and possibly 25mph Cuillins.
Effect of wind on you?	Small, although gusty conditions near Skye could well impact ease of balance.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain very unlikely Very low risk of a few spots of rain here and there.
Cloud on the hills?	Very unlikely
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Almost certain
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	More or less unbroken sunshine well inland (often through high thin cloud), whilst toward the coast, only patchy sunshine. Superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	7C rising to 15C
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 12 August	Thursday 13 August
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly around 10mph lower slopes to 30 to mainly on summits near the coast in afternoon 40mph on higher tops. Will increasingly impede ease of walking with height; sudden gusts, in places blowing downslope off higher terrain.	South to southwesterly between 20 or 25mph Ben Wyvis and near Great Glen to 30 or 35mph coastal summits. Mostly fairly small more eastern hills, but increasingly 'buffety' toward the coast where walking may well be arduous.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery bursts of rain Near the coast, bursts of rain from time to time, occasionally heavy. Elsewhere, a few showers, but substantially dry, particularly Ben Wyvis.	Frequently raining; risk thunder Pulses of sometimes heavy rain (with risk thunder) most or all day - although perhaps clearing near the coast evening.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Little if any, before forming on higher areas, perhaps persistent near Skye Generally the mountains free of cloud before slowly from about middle of day, cloud forms above 900m, later 600-750m. But Skye and within about 10miles of the general lie of the west coast, deteriorating more quickly with extensive cloud above 600, perhaps 400m afternoon. Slowly dropping; by afternoon 10% west coastal tops to 70% eastern tops	Very extensive Conditions will vary, with breaks above 900m toward and north of Ullapool and well inland further south. But particularly in and after rain, cloud filling in to at below 500m, but forming below 300m coastal slopes open to the southwest near Skye. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Intermittent sunshine, although only occasional or glimpses near the coast. Excellent visibility although haze near the coast, particularly on Skye.	Little or no sunshine. Hazy and visibility poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	11 rising to 14 to 16C, lowest Cuillin and mainland coastal summits Above the summits.	13C Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 12 August, 2026

Chance of bursts of rain, possibly locally thundery on Wednesday NW England northwards, with further occasional rain (and low cloud) later in the week, mainly across the W & NW Highlands.

The almost completely dry and warm weather will persist elsewhere - very hot indeed Thursday. Underfoot conditions will remain exceptionally dry.

There may be little change in the pattern into next week - although there is uncertainty in the track of oncoming rain on low cloud at the end of the weekend.

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