

The Northwest Highlands

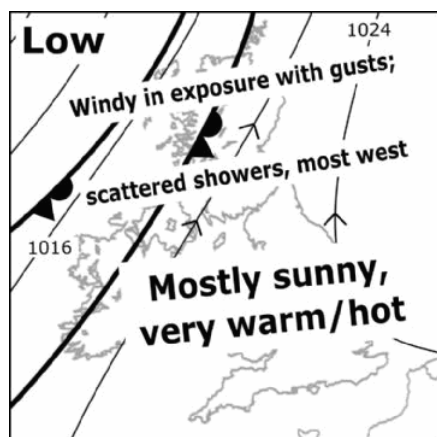
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Wednesday, 12 August, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 August, 2026

Blustery on high terrain in Scotland, gusts pushing downslope in places. Scattered showery rain in the west, a few heavy bursts; some showers push east with time. Dry with hot sun and little wind for England and Wales, just some patchy high cloud in the north; beware risk of sunburn and dehydration.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Showery rain, some heavy bursts; windy

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 12 August, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly sustained speeds of 20mph, to 35mph along west coast summits with stronger gusts likely, particularly northwest which may approach 45mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Will increasingly impede ease of walking with height; sudden gusts, in places blowing downslope off higher terrain; walking more strenuous on the west coast with a chilly feeling despite warm temperature.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery bursts of rain Near the west coast, periods of showery rain come and go with some heavy bursts. Inland, rain will be more scattered and light in nature; an occasional cluster of showery rain may pass eastward as well.
Cloud on the hills?	Skye/west coast tops often in cloud, later spreading Banks of cloud over the high tops of the west coast from morning, little breaks over the Cuillin. Inland summits start substantially clear, but banks will increasingly form here above 900m, later lowering towards 700m locally, but breaks will still occur too.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%, lowering to 30%; west coasts nearer 20% much of the day
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.
How Cold? (at 900m)	11C rising to 13 to 16C; coolest Skye, warmest Easter Ross. Feeling near 5C in strongest direct wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 13 August	Friday 14 August
How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southwesterly between 20 or 25mph Ben Wyvis and near Great Glen to 30 or 35mph coastal summits.	Southwesterly 15-25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly fairly small more eastern hills, but increasingly 'buffety' toward the coast where walking may well be arduous.	Fairly small, but some notable breezes over high tops at times.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequently raining; risk thunder Pulses of sometimes heavy rain (with risk thunder) most or all day - although perhaps clearing near the coast evening.	Patchy rain and drizzle Rain on and off for most Munros throughout the day, generally light in nature with drier windows well inland. Drizzly on western high terrain too.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, particularly along west coast 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, forming below 300m coastal slopes open to the southwest near Skye.	Extensive Cloud shrouds western mountains from lower slopes up most of the day. Towards the east, bases rise towards 600m during dry windows but lowering again in rain with patches to forest canopies.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine. Visibility poor in cloud and rain.	Overcast and dull. Poor visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	13C, rising a degree on eastern hills.	10C, lowering a degree.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 13 August, 2026

Thursday remains dry and exceptionally hot across England and Wales ; very dry ground conditions. Rain will begin to spread across Scotland through Thursday, this slipping into England and Wales on Friday and bringing a fresher breeze with its passing. Though weekend, high pressure is never far away to the southwest, keeping conditions generally drier and brighter across England and Wales , though a northwesterly flow will bring some cloud to western hills. Scotland is more often cloud with patchy rain in the north and west.

Mixed conditions early next week with patchy rain and sunny bursts here and there. With time, a trend towards stronger westerly winds with a few spells of more widespread rain: forecast confidence is low beyond the weekend.

Forecast issued at 15:50 on Tuesday, 11 August, 2026

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