

The Northwest Highlands

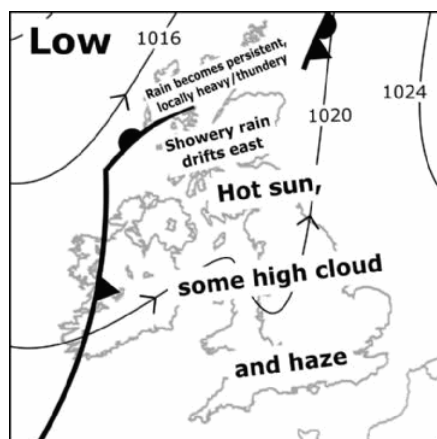
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Thursday, 13 August, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 August, 2026

Exceptionally hot in England and Wales, fire risk remains high. Despite haze and high cloud, beware sunburn and dehydration. Warm too in Scotland. Hill cloud and showery rain affects west Scotland from morning, patches spreading east; rain becomes frequent west Scotland later with heavy bursts.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Blustery west coast; rainy bursts, setting in later

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 13 August, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South to southwesterly between 20 or 25mph Ben Wyvis and near Great Glen to 30 or 35mph coastal summits. Later in the day, speeds becoming more widely near 30mph with notable gusts where heaviest showers occur. Mostly fairly small more eastern hills, but increasingly strenuous toward the coast, and later more widely with buffeting gusts.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Bursts of rain, frequent and heavy with time Pulses of rain drift from the southwest through morning, some dry windows north and east for a time. From midday, rain setting in Skye, and progressively more widely, heavy bursts increasingly common with risk of thunder.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Extensive west coast, later more widely Conditions will vary, with breaks above 900m toward and north of Ullapool and well inland further south. In and after rain, cloud filling in to below 500m, or below 300m coastal slopes open to the southwest near Skye. Through afternoon, cloud more widely extensive as rain sets in to lower slopes. 30% east, lowering to 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine in the east through morning, overcast along the coast and more widely overcast as afternoon goes. Visibility poor in cloud and rain, starting better to the east.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	13C, rising a degree on eastern hills. Above the summits.

	Friday 14 August	Saturday 15 August
How windy? (On the Munros)	West-southwesterly 15-25mph, tending to strengthen, notably north where reaching 35mph over tops.	Westerly 25-35mph, strong gusts over tops to 45mph. Trending northwesterly and easing somewhat.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but some notable breezes over high tops at times, particularly north where becoming quite blustery.	Strenuous walking with buffeting and wind chill over high terrain in the morning, effects easing.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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.	Often raining Showery rain drifts onto western Munros much of the day. Best chance of drier windows inland, but clusters of heavier rain will pass eastward as well.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Cloud shrouds western mountains from at least middle slopes up much of the day, often lower. Inland, bases approach 700m during dry windows, but lowering again in rain with patches to low slopes. A modest improving trend later in the day.	Extensive West coast hills shrouded from middle slopes up all day with varied lower bases towards the coast. Inland, generally higher, may occasionally break towards 800m during drier windows but returning lower again in rain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull. Poor visibility.	Mostly cloudy, often dull. Generally poor visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	10C, lowering a degree, cooling further overnight.	7C. Feeling near freezing in early strongest wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 14 August, 2026

Mixed conditions early next week with periods of rain and sunny bursts. High pressure remains present to the southwest of the British Isles, maintaining the possibility of drier brighter days; detail remains uncertain regarding risk of more unsettled weather. Temperatures likely nearer average.

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