

The Northwest Highlands

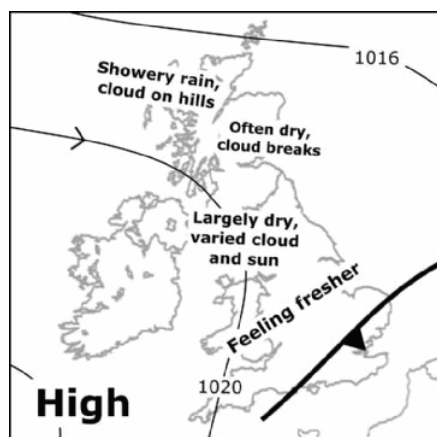
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Saturday, 15 August, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 August, 2026

A fresh-to-strong westerly breeze across Scotland brings showery rain frequently to the northwest, cloud covering many western hills; fewer showers and higher cloud bases eastward. Moderate northwesterly breezes for England & Wales, cooler than recent days, early showers mostly fade with cloud lifting.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Windy and cool. Rain frequent in the west, cloud on hills.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 15 August, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 25-35mph, always strongest in north where gusts over tops to 45mph in the morning. Slightly lowering speeds during the afternoon, but still 20-30mph, slightly less by evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking with buffeting and wind chill over high terrain; easing tendency of effects afternoon onward. Feeling rather chilly in exposure on high terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Often raining, widely showery Showery rain drifts in from the west much of the day, some briefly heavier bursts mixed with frequent drizzle, particularly on western aspects. Some drier windows over eastern hills and near Great Glen, but expect rain on and off widely.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, lowest west West coast hills shrouded from middle slopes up all day with varied lower bases towards the coast, rarely above 700-800m. Inland, generally higher, but will vary around rain, some breaks may approach 800m, locally better toward Ben Wyvis away from showers.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10% west, 30% east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, often dull in west, glimpses of sun eastern areas. Generally poor visibility, better in east.
How Cold? (at 900m)	7C. Feeling near freezing all day directly in the wind, below freezing on high tops in the morning.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

	Sunday 16 August	Monday 17 August
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly 10-15mph, to 20mph in north at dawn, dropping less and becoming variable direction. Small.	South then southwesterly, strengthening from 15-20mph or less early in day, to 30mph, later 40mph, soonest on Skye. Starting small, but increasingly affecting ease of walking, later risk more challenging over high terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain, drizzle, some showery rain A fine drizzle on the high tops and near western coasts and Skye much of the day, some showers drifting from the west from time to time, a few heavier bursts.	Rain develops, sets in heavy Patchy light rain spills in from the west in the morning, becoming increasingly persistent and heavier with time, prolonged heavy falls setting in widely over western mountains afternoon. Then more showery evening-night.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive Coastal hills shrouded most of the day, from 500m up in the morning, bases rising somewhat but unlikely breaking above 700-800m. Inland, bases may approach 900m during drier windows, but returning lower in rain.	Increasingly extensive and low Varied cloud banks at first, most persistent around Skye, here likely to shroud hills most or all day, filling in to lower elevations in steady rain. Cloud blanketing hills increasingly widely, bases 300-600m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	Dropping widely below 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A few odd glimpses of weak sun. Visibility largely poor on high terrain and towards west coast.	High cloud soon thickens to become overcast. Good visibility reducing to poor as rain develops.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	6 or 7C, slight rise inland. Above the summits.	8 to 10C. As wind increases, feeling nearer to freezing where exposed on tops. Above the summits.

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 16 August, 2026

Westerly weather patterns prevail into the new week bringing generally unsettled and cooler conditions - single-figure temperatures typical on the Munros and high tops elsewhere. On Monday, extensive rain spreads across Scotland, heaviest in the west. Winds strengthen, risk reaching gale force on many hills later on Monday, staying blustery widely into midweek. Rain extends south over England and Wales by Monday night into early Tuesday. The rest of the week likely sees showery rain common for all areas as low pressure dominates toward the north, the rain most persistent in western Scotland, but odd heavier bursts passing eastward, with a chance of thunder, especially later in week.

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