

The Northwest Highlands

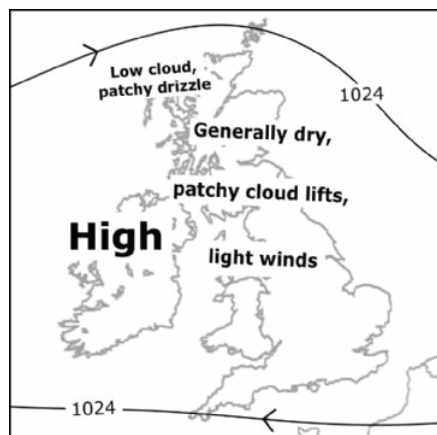
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Sunday, 23 August, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 August, 2026

A fine day for most places with light winds. Patchy cloud around some hill slopes early in the day will lift to leave many summits clear, but cloud banks are likely to persist on west coastal tops in Scotland, a little drizzle here in the morning, breezier too in the far northwest.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Low cloud and a little drizzle west, breezier north.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 23 August, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	West-southwesterly 15 to 20mph, at times 25mph mostly north from Ullapool.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small; feeling breezier and rather cool over tops in far north.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly start west, fading From dawn, drizzly on west coastal slopes, on and off for a few hours, tending to fade to leave just odd patches of drizzle middle of day onward. Eastern areas largely dry all day.
Cloud on the hills?	Most persistent western tops Fairly extensive in morning in western areas to 600-800m, some varied banks lower down, patchier over tops further eastward. Bases tending to rise during day, some breaks forming, best inland, but patches likely linger over coastal tops much of day above 800m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10% rising to 30% west, 50% eastern tops.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, some glimpses of sun break through, mostly toward east. Poor visibility in early drizzly, otherwise good below cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 or 7C, locally rising a degree east. Feeling near to freezing in strongest wind to the north.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 24 August	Tuesday 25 August
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 10-15mph in the morning, shifting southerly and strengthening, approaching 20-25mph tops near Skye. Mostly small, though becoming noticeably breezy over tops later, particularly towards the west.	East to southeasterly 10 to 20mph. Mostly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain expected	Rain unlikely
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Little expected Banks of cloud at varied heights to start, mostly low slopes and into glens. Lifting, to break off most summits, though a few cloud caps may drift over the high Cuillin summits for a time. 80%	Mostly little Some patchy cloud banks may drift onto hill slopes mainly in areas north of Dornoch Firth up to Ben Hope. Western mountains largely clear, rare brief patches drifting over some tops. 80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny, a little high cloud around, and afternoon fair weather cloud. Very good visibility.	Mostly sunny, some thin high cloud. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	7C rising to 10C. Above the summits.	8C rising to 11 to 13C, coolest in far north. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 24 August, 2026

A fine start to the week with high pressure nearby, but easterly breezes will tend to strengthen. Most places dry through Monday and Tuesday, but generally deteriorating from the south into midweek as low pressure moves in from the south, patchy rain will increasingly spread northward with some local stronger wind. Broadly unsettled as next weekend approaches with bands of heavy rain forming mixed with showery bursts at times, but fairly warm and somewhat humid. Wind speed and direction likely to vary considerably day-to-day.

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