

The Northwest Highlands

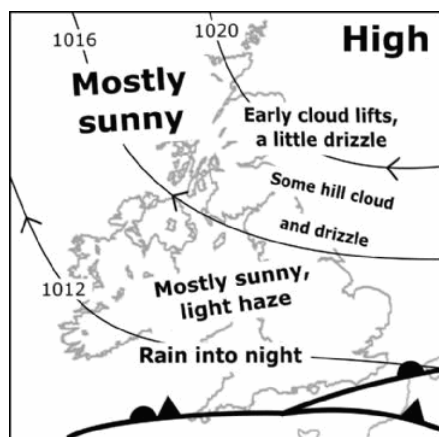
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Tuesday, 25 August, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 25 August, 2026

Early cloud and drizzle in northeast England and east Scotland. Cloud lifts, sun breaking out; cloud caps cling to high east Scotland tops, a little light rain passing westward. Wales and west parts of England and Scotland largely dry with little hill cloud. Wind strengthens into night in England and Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Mostly sunny, rare rain if any

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 25 August, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly 10-15mph, locally approaching 20mph over high southern tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no rain Later in the day, a few light showers drift from the west, total rainfall in any location minimal and perhaps just affecting southern hills.
Cloud on the hills?	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, and a brief period of cloudier conditions on high southern terrain is possible.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny, some thin high cloud. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	9 to 11C, mildest western hills south of Ullapool where rising a degree.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 26 August	Thursday 27 August
How windy? (On the Munros)	East-southeasterly 20 to 35mph, gusty in places particularly western mountains.	Easterly 20-35mph, gusty early, and easing with time, to perhaps 15mph and below.
Effect of wind on you?	Generally breezy, but some notable gusty areas may suddenly affect balance, including on some western downslopes.	Strenuous walking with buffeting to start (gusts not just on high terrain), tending to ease to fairly small effects.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no rain A little drizzle may affect eastern hills at times. Odd spots elsewhere if high cloud thickens. Later possibly a brief burst of rain moving in from the south.	Light patchy rain Patchy rain drifts onto the Munros from the east from time to time, falls light in nature and plenty of dry windows, particularly western Munros. Chance of very isolated late afternoon showers.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly east Low cloud banks cling to some eastern hills, locally more extensive north of Ben Wyvis, then breaks forming afternoon. Odd patches further west, but many mountains often clear, patches later in rain.	Well-broken on western hills Cloud banks drift onto easternmost hills much of the day, may be fairly extensive at first, but rising above 700m. Well-broken to the west, a few banks drifting over the summits, and perhaps some lower banks drifting through the glens just at dawn.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50% Easter Ross, to 70% west coast	50% east, to 70% west
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun best toward west, high cloud tending to thicken from the south. Visibility very good, hazier toward east.	Most sun towards the west coast, some early haze but improving for very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	9C rising to 13 or 14C afternoon. Feeling like 2 to 5C in the wind.	11 to 13C; warmest towards the west coast.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 26 August, 2026

Low pressure to the south will develop and drift across Britain into the second half of this week bringing increasingly wet, warm, and humid conditions widely. Areas of rain will drift northward during Wednesday, possibly thundery showers forming over England & Wales. Heavy and thundery rain likely affects England, Wales & southern Scotland on Thursday-Friday, potentially prolonged heavy falls bringing a risk of flooding locally. Northwest Scotland likely driest. The eastern Highlands often covered in low cloud. Strong gusty easterly winds prevail for a few days through midweek. Into the weekend it remains unsettled with areas of rain and heavy showers, plus cooler northwesterly winds developing.

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