

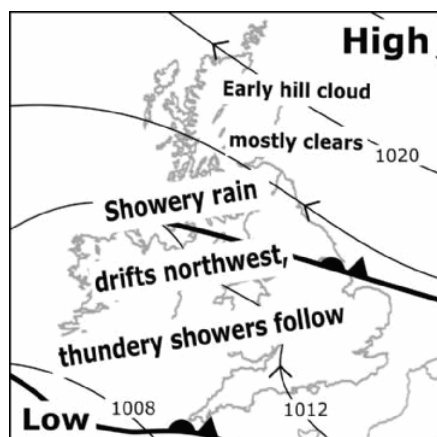
The Northwest Highlands

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, 26 August, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 26 August, 2026

East Scotland, the Pennines, and Wales start cloudy, this lifting, dissipating over much of Scotland. Early showery rain and cloud in Wales migrates to England and southwest Scotland, thundery showers following over Wales and England; driest/clearest northwest Scotland. Warm, humid, and breezy.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Early cloud east mostly clears; breezy, particularly north

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 26 August, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	East-southeasterly 20 to 30mph, gusty in places particularly western mountains, approaching 35-40mph at the strongest. Speeds lessening somewhat near and south of Ullapool.
Effect of wind on you?	Generally breezy, but some notable gusts may suddenly affect balance, including on some western downslopes.
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, but most hill stay dry all day. Rising risk of patches of rain drifting from the south into nighttime.
Cloud on the hills?	Early cloud mostly east largely clears Low cloud banks cling to some eastern hills, locally more extensive north of Ben Wyvis, some cloud slipping through the glens towards Ullapool, only odd patches elsewhere in the west. Cloud lifts, mostly dissipating, a few caps on highest north tops.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Starting 40% Easter Ross, rising to 60%, to 80% west coast
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun best toward northwest, high cloud tending to thicken from the south, Skye more often under high cloud. Visibility very good, becoming hazier towards the east.
How Cold? (at 900m)	9C rising to 13 or 14C afternoon, always warmest on westernmost hill groups. Feeling like 5C in strongest wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

	Thursday 27 August	Friday 28 August
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southeasterly 20-35mph, gusty early, and easing with time, to perhaps 15mph and below. Strenuous walking with buffeting to start (gusts not just on high terrain), tending to ease to fairly small effects.	Generally northerly but variable, 10mph and often less, orienting northwesterly, slightly strengthening into night. Negligible.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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.	Rain on-and-off Bursts of rain affect east and north hill groups much of the day, drier windows at times; western hills south of Ullapool more often dry, though drizzly rain spreading here later in the day too.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Well-broken on western hills Cloud drifts onto easternmost hills much of the day, fairly extensive at first, with low fog drifting westward through the glens; chance of local inversion conditions. Cloud rises above 700m, well-broken west where just a few banks rolling over summits. 50% east, to 70% west	Extensive East and north hill groups shrouded at dawn, to lower slopes in most areas, drifting over the high tops. Cloud more broken on west coast slopes with banks at varied heights, mostly northern aspects, but increasingly extensive widely above 700m, highest bases around Torridon. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Most sun towards the west coast, some early haze but improving for very good visibility.	A few bright glimpses in the west early, becoming overcast, dull on high terrain with poor visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	11 to 13C; warmest west and locally rising to 14 or 15C (to 20C in some glens). Above the summits.	11 to 13C, variable and locally rising to 14C. Cooling slightly overnight. Above the summits.

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 27 August, 2026

Heavy, thundery rain likely affects England, Wales & southern Scotland on Thursday and Friday, potentially prolonged heavy falls bringing a risk of local flooding. A westerly wind will establish into the weekend, drawing cloud and drizzle onto western high terrain, several frontal systems sweeping more broadly across the country. The strongest wind and heavy rain may pass mostly across England and Wales, with the lightest rain in west Scotland. Best chance of cloud base rising towards higher terrain in western areas, perhaps briefly to higher summits, but the hills more often shrouded, patches to low slopes around heaviest rain. A west-southwesterly weather track prevails next week: cloud and drizzle on western hill groups (particularly west Scotland), breezy, areas of rain regularly spreading more widely.

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