

The Northwest Highlands

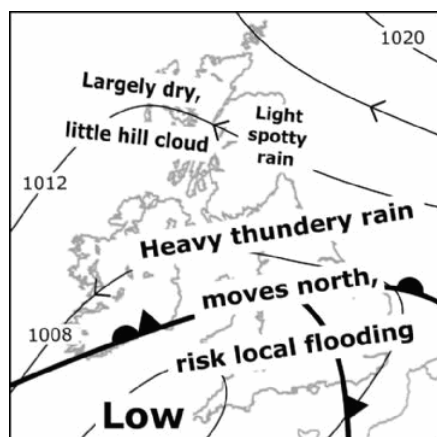
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Thursday, 27 August, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 27 August, 2026

Heavy, thundery rain moves north through Wales and England, showery thunderstorms following in Wales; beware sudden gusts, rapidly rising streams, and local flooding. Hill cloud and a little patchy rain in east Scotland; much of west Scotland clear of cloud, though some haze around.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Most cloud east, breaking up; warm, particularly west valleys

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 27 August, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly 15-30mph, gusty early, and easing with time, to perhaps 15mph and below, particularly to the west.
Effect of wind on you?	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 expected Light spotty rain drifts onto the hills from the east at times, well-scattered in nature and most Munros seeing no rain, particularly afternoon. Chance of very isolated late afternoon showers in the west.
Cloud on the hills?	Largely breaking up, little or none on westernmost hills Cloud drifts onto easternmost hills through morning, may be fairly extensive at first, with low fog drifting westward through the glens; chance of local inversion conditions. Cloud rises above 700m, becoming well-broken and may entirely clear for several afternoon hours.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Starting 40% east, rising to 80% widely
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Most sun towards the west coast, some high cloud, and cloud increasingly breaks for afternoon sunshine fairly widely. Some early haze but improving for good visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	11 to 13C; warmest west and locally rising to 14C, or 15C Skye and nearby (to 20C in some glens).
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

	Friday 28 August	Saturday 29 August
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Generally northeasterly but variable, 10-20mph, strongest north. Trending northerly, may later strengthen. Mostly small.	Starting northerly 10-20mph, strongest north, and becoming variable mostly less than 10mph. Negligible, though an early breeze possible north.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain on-and-off Bursts of rain affect east and north hill groups, drier windows at times; western hills south of Ullapool more often dry, though drizzly rain reaching here later in the day too.	Patchy drizzle, local bursts of rain Drizzly at times on high terrain, a general damp feeling and some local bursts of rain developing here and there. Many Munros see very small total rainfall.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Clearest slopes west early, becoming fairly extensive East and north hill groups shrouded at dawn, to lower slopes in most areas, drifting over the high tops. Cloud more broken west, patchy banks at varied heights, mostly northern aspects, and perhaps more extensive here for a few afternoon hours. 20%; 50% west in the morning	Fairly extensive, variable Cloud shrouds most terrain above 300-500m to start, a lifting trend in bases. A few breaks towards 800-900m here and there, mostly southern areas, but variable and will likely lower again. Northern hills see little improvement. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Best of sun in the west, very good visibility, but becoming more overcast, dull on high terrain with poor visibility inland/east.	Rare glimpses of weak sun, mostly low west slopes in the morning. Visibility largely poor on high terrain .
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	11 or 13C, variable and locally rising a degree west and south. Cooling slightly overnight. Above the summits.	8 to 10C, mildest south where may rise a degree. Above the summits.

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 28 August, 2026

Heavy, thundery rain affects England, Wales & eastern Scotland on Friday, prolonged heavy falls bringing a risk of local flooding. A westerly wind will establish over 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 Scotland. Hills often shrouded in cloud, low patches around rain; only local improvements. A west-southwesterly weather track prevails next week: cloud and drizzle on western hill groups (particularly west Scotland), breezy with areas of rain regularly spreading widely at times. A few brighter interludes through the week, and a chance of a more settled window in the south into the weekend.

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