

The Northwest Highlands

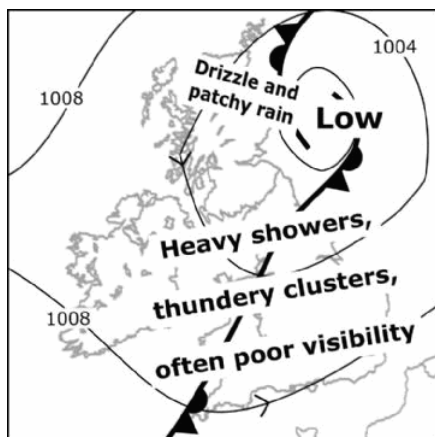
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Friday, 28 August, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 28 August, 2026

Frequent rain for England and Wales well into the day, clustering into heavy falls and local thunderstorms; poor visibility on many tops and some fast flowing streams. Easing to lighter showers later. Rain and drizzle over north and notably east Scotland, best of clear hills west highlands. Widely warm and humid.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Patchy rain east and north, later more widely

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 28 August, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northeasterly, trending northerly and perhaps northwesterly later, 10-20mph, sometimes less in the south but strengthening somewhat later, notably north and around Caithness. Mostly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain on-and-off Bursts of rain affect east and north hill groups, drier windows at times but also drizzly here; western hills south of Ullapool more often dry, though patchy rain reaching here later in the day too.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Clearest slopes west early, becoming extensive East and north hill groups shrouded at dawn, to lower slopes in most areas. Cloud more broken west, patchy banks at varied heights, some clear summits (perhaps between cloud layers) south of Ullapool, but increasingly extensive widely. 20%; 50% west in the morning
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Early sun towards the west coast, though weakened by some high cloud and haze. Elsewhere, overcast and largely dull, increasingly widespread and poor visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	10 to 12C, variable but always warmest west and south. Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 29 August	Sunday 30 August
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Starting northerly 10-20mph, strongest north, and becoming variable mostly less than 10mph. Negligible, though an early breeze possible north.	Generally southerly, 5 to 15mph, though variable in both speed and direction. Small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy drizzle, local bursts of rain Drizzly on high terrain, a general damp feeling and some local bursts of rain developing here and there, perhaps local heavy showers later.	Patchy rain, heavier falls forming Patchy rain here and there much of the day, generally local in nature, with early drizzle on coastal high terrain. Heavier falls will form as well, more frequently later.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive north, breaking south for a time. Cloud shrouds most terrain above 300-500m to start. Bases lifting, breaks towards 800-900m, mostly southern areas, and may break up. Northern hills see only slight improvement, and forming again on high terrain south.	Lifting towards summits for a time Shrouding high terrain at dawn, varied lower banks, locally into the glens where rain occurs. A lifting trend, may break up somewhat for a few fleeting summit breaks, but increasingly extensive again over high terrain at least as rain increases.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Rising to 60% south for a time	Rising to 50% for a time
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy cloud and sun, best of sun to the south where visibility becomes very good for a time. Poorer visibility north where more often cloudy.	A patchwork of cloud and sun, very good visibility but increasingly overcast, visibility turns poor later.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	8 to 10C, mildest south where may rise a degree further. Above the summits.	7 to 9C, rising a degree south and western hill groups. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 29 August, 2026**

A generally damp weekend ahead, particularly in England and Wales: several bands of rain will pass west-to-east, cloud often shrouding hills, particularly west where only slightly improving away from the main areas of rain. Some stronger wind will affect Wales at times, notably south. Less rain over Scotland, though a little drizzly rain here and there will become local showery bursts through afternoon; variable cloud, tending to lift during the day but returning where rain forms. Also minimal wind in Scotland, mild temperatures.

Westerly flow is expected next week, drawing cloud and showers into western areas, particularly in Scotland, with periods of strong wind and broader areas of rain more widely across the country. Best of bright breaks to the east.

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