

The Northwest Highlands

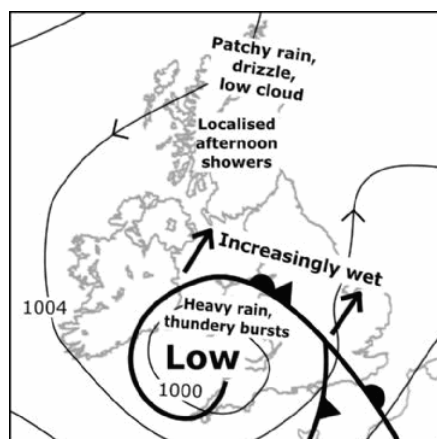
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Saturday, 29 August, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 29 August, 2026

Northerly winds bring cloud and some light rain to northern Scotland, but winds fall light for much of the Highlands - varied low cloud banks tend to rise, isolated showers possible afternoon. Rain for Wales from early morning, extending further north over England during the day, often heavy, risk thunder.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Cool breeze eases, low cloud and damp north, brighter south.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 29 August, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northerly 10 to 20mph in the morning, strongest northern areas, in places 25mph early in day. Becoming variable 5-10mph many places afternoon, but still northerly 15mph at times 20mph Ben Hope to Dornoch Firth. Feeling breezy and noticeably cool in exposure early in the day where exposed to the north, becoming small, or negligible more widely during afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy drizzle, chance local showers later Drizzly on high terrain, a general damp feeling particularly northern areas in the morning. Some local showery rain developing here and there, chance of an isolated showery burst mainly inland later.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Fairly extensive north, rising with some breaks south Cloud shrouds most terrain above 300-500m to start, varying banks in places. Bases lifting, breaks towards 800-900m, mostly southern areas, clearing higher up at times afternoon areas from Kintail to Skye. Hills north of Ullapool see only slight improvement, rarely above 700m. Varying and lowering widely if showers form. 20% all day far north; rising to 60% south afternoon.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy start, patchy sun forms mainly to the south of Torridon where visibility becomes very good. Poorer visibility north where more often cloudy all day.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	8C, lifting to 10C afternoon away from the far north, locally a degree warmer south of Torridon. Feeling near to freezing if exposed to strongest breeze in north early morning. Above the summits.

	Sunday 30 August	Monday 31 August
How windy? (On the Munros)	Generally southerly, 5 to 15mph, though variable in both speed and direction, often strongest near Skye.	Variable 10-20mph early morning, then westerly 25-30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Small, sudden gusts in showers.	Fairly small to start, but increasingly blustery affecting ease of walking in exposure. Marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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, in southern areas, chance isolated thunder.	Rain on and off Showery rain much of the day, some drier moments, but rain fairly frequent over western hills. Some heavier bursts move east during afternoon, chance of thunder. Patchy rain returns from west into night.
Cloud on the hills?	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.	Lowest morning, often covering west tops Fairly widespread to low elevations early in day. The base tending to rise but rarely above 700-800m in west, only brief breaks. Further east at times clearing above 900m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Rising to 50% for a time	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A patchwork of cloud and sun, very good visibility but increasingly overcast, visibility turns poor later.	Largely cloudy, brief glimpses of sun, locally more frequent sun near west coast late in day. Visibility good away from showers.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	7 to 9C, rising a degree south and western hill groups. Above the summits.	8C tending to lower during day to 6C. Feeling near then just below freezing as wind increases. Above the summits.

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 30 August, 2026

A generally unsettled outlook through the extended weekend and into the start of September with frequent rain and strong winds. Areas of low pressure and frontal systems move in from the Atlantic . Dropping cooler, notably chilly over Scottish mountains into Tuesday, close to freezing point on highest summits with significant wind chill in strong westerlies. A brief window of better conditions into Wednesday soon deteriorates from the west as southwesterly winds strengthen , reaching gale force over the mountains frequently in the second half of the week. Heavy rain most prolonged in the west where increasingly wet underfoot. Likely staying unsettled into next weekend and the following week.

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