

The Northwest Highlands

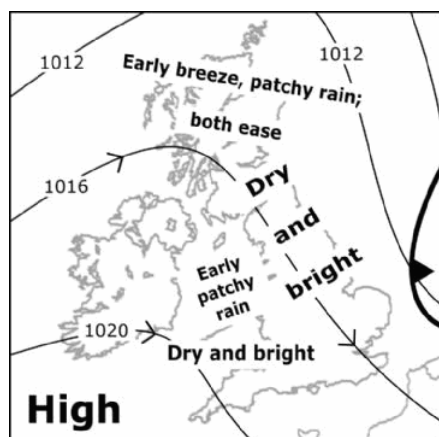
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Wednesday, 9 September, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 9 September, 2026

Breezy with early scattered rain in north and east Scotland, both easing for a dry and bright afternoon with little wind. Blustery Pennines just at dawn, notably east, but this easing; dry in England with most hills and fells clearing. Early patchy rain in north Wales gradually clears for a bright afternoon.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Early breeze with patchy rain, ease for a bright afternoon

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 9 September, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northwesterly 20-30mph, easing and shifting westerly, to 15mph; later southwesterly, beginning to restrengthen somewhat into evening.
Effect of wind on you?	A blustery start and feeling chilly, easing to small effects.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Soon dry Showery rain drifts onto the Munros from the north and west before dawn, soon easing after dawn and fading for a mostly dry day. A few nuisance spots of rain may drift onto Skye later.
Cloud on the hills?	Lifting to summits with breaks for a time May start fairly extensive Skye and along the west coast, or more inland near and north of Ullapool. Tending to lift to passing banks over high summits, well-broken for a time. More frequently grazing western summits into evening.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Rising to 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine breaking out, extended sunny windows forming. Very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4C rising to 6C. Feeling like -5C in direct wind early, wind chill effect easing.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 10 September	Friday 11 September
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 30-35mph, strengthening, several hours sustained speeds of 45-50mph over tops, later starting to ease. Walking increasingly strenuous, later challenging conditions along the west coast with buffeting and notable wind chill.	Southwesterly 25-35mph, strongest near and north of Ullapool; slightly lessening but also gusty. Ease of walking impacted on high tops, some buffeting gusts. A chilly feeling.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain, mostly south, increasing A little patchy rain drifts from the southwest, mostly Skye and nearby hills, only drizzly spots elsewhere. Patches will increase, spreading widely, and later setting in persistently, heavy falls, notably west.	A little rain and drizzle, fading Spotty rain drifts from the west from dawn, a little drizzle over high western tops, gradually easing, likely dry by later afternoon.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Increasingly extensive Cloud shrouds the Cuillin from middle slopes up all day, nearby hills often similarly shrouded. Towards the north and east, more broken, some summit breaks east of Ullapool. Cloud becomes more widely extensive through afternoon. 40% inland for a time, lowering to 10%	Clinging to western summits A layer of cloud fairly widely above 800-900m to start, lower bases west, ragged patches towards lower slopes. A lifting trend, cloud tending to break up, best Easter Ross. Cloud will continue to roll over high tops, breaks unlikely over the Cuillin until late. Gradually rising towards 50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, a few glimpses of sun to the north and east. Good visibility out of cloud and rain, increasingly widely poor.	Patchy sun breaking out. Good visibility but a building haze west.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	6C rising to 9C, only slight drop into night. Feeling like 0 to -5C in strongest wind. Above the summits.	5 or 6C, locally rising a degree inland. Feeling like -5C in strongest wind. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 10 September, 2026

A typical autumnal pattern in the week ahead: periods rain and strong wind, gales over tops at times, particularly in Scotland. Temperatures generally mild, some warmer windows in England and Wales, as well as cooler windows, chilly at times in Scotland, a little sleet possible on highest tops and feeling cold during strong winds. Best chance of near-term settled windows on Friday and Sunday: mornings start cool with scattered low cloud, lifting and breaking up, clearest on eastern hill groups. Weather remains mixed into next week with more swathes of rain and strong wind. A tendency towards high pressure building southwest of the country will bring more bright, drier days to England and Wales. Staying unsettled longer in Scotland. Indications of more extensive windows of settled weather in the later month.

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