

The Northwest Highlands

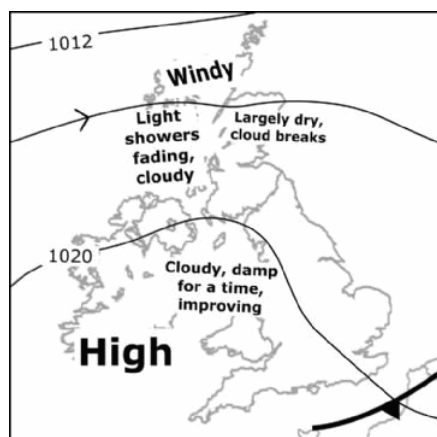
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Friday, 11 September, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 September, 2026

Fresh westerly winds will be strongest in northern Scotland, speeds lessening a little during the day, but feeling cool in exposure on tops. Light showers mainly in western Scotland tends to fade. Cloud often capping western tops, breaks forming higher with time; clearer hills toward east.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Brisk winds, feeling chilly. Light showers and cloud in west.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 11 September, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly shifting southwesterly afternoon, 25 to 35mph, strongest near and north of Ullapool; slightly lessening during but staying gusty. Rising rapidly onward into night to 70mph. Ease of walking impacted on high tops, some buffeting gusts. A chilly feeling. Deteriorating into night to severe gales on the mountains.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	A little rain and drizzle, fading Spotty rain drifts from the west from dawn, a little drizzle over high western tops, gradually easing, largely dry by afternoon. Rain develops into night, some heavy in west around Skye.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	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, may often cap the Cuillin through the afternoon. Gradually rising towards 50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sun breaking out. Good visibility but a building haze west.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5 or 6C, locally rising a degree inland. Feeling like -5C in strongest wind. Above the summits.

	Saturday 12 September	Sunday 13 September
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 60 to 70mph from dawn, lessening gradually during day to 30-40mph afternoon, 20-25mph evening. Very difficult conditions with powerful gusts to low levels early in day, moderating, but remaining challenging; notable chill.	West turning southwesterly 15 to 20mph most of day, then rising toward evening, reaching 35-40mph into night. Fairly small during daytime, deteriorating mainly after dark.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and drizzle mostly west, eases Heavy rain from before dawn, breaking up into rain on and off, most persistent in western areas with frequent drizzle. Drier windows more often eastwards. May tend to become more widely drier afternoon.	Rare light rain An odd patch of light rain or brief shower, mainly in north at first, but largely dry. Late evening into night, rain sweeps in from the southwest.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Extensive, some improvement Blanket cloud across the hills in early rain, some rise of base, but fairly persistent over higher slopes. Best of breaks toward north and east in afternoon, rare to high tops. 20%	Varied patches lifting and clearing Patchy cloud around mid to upper slopes from dawn into morning, possibly mist at first some sheltered glens. Some high tops may start between or just above some cloud banks. Tending to thin and break up during day. 40% rising to 80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun breaking through. Hazy, but visibility better as rain clears.	Variable sunshine and cloud. Early slight haze, then visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	7C, briefly 9 or 10C in morning. Feeling like -5 to -8C directly in wind. Above the summits.	4C rising to 7C during day, tending to rise slightly further into evening and night. Above the summits.

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 12 September, 2026

Changeable west-southwesterlies prevail through mid September; often windy, gale-force winds for periods over higher terrain. An active frontal system sweeps southeastward on Saturday with a sustained fall of rain, accompanied by upland gales for most places. Improving for better weather on Sunday, then wind and rain returns into Monday, staying showery into Tuesday. A mixed outlook likely continues later next week with rain most frequent in western Scotland. Temperatures varying, some cooler days especially in Scotland, but often fairly mild further south, at times quite warm and humid.

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