

The Northwest Highlands

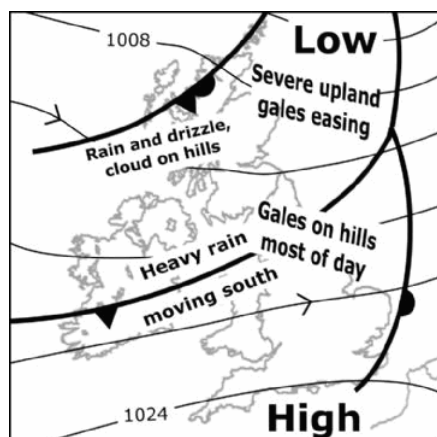
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Saturday, 12 September, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 September, 2026

Severe gales from dawn on Scottish mountains ease during morning, moderate speeds by mid-afternoon, whilst gales continue on tops in England & Wales until later. An intense band of rain moves south, followed by still frequent rain, some showery bursts plus low cloud western hills. Drier later north Scotland.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Gales in morning easing. Rain fading and cloud lifting afternoon.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 12 September, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 60 to 70mph from dawn, lessening gradually during morning, shifting westerly 25-40mph by middle of day into early afternoon, 20-30mph afternoon into evening; strongest speeds typically in the north.
Effect of wind on you?	Very difficult conditions with powerful gusts to low levels at first, moderating during morning, but remaining challenging for a few hours with considerable wind chill; smaller effects onward through afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and drizzle most frequent west, improving afternoon Heavy rain from before dawn, soon breaking up into rain on and off, most persistent in western areas with frequent drizzle plus odd showery bursts mixed in. Drier windows more often eastwards. Tending to become more widely drier from the north during the afternoon. Wet underfoot around Skye.
Cloud on the hills?	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.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun breaking through, mainly later in afternoon. Hazy, but visibility better as rain clears.
How Cold? (at 900m)	7C, briefly 9C in morning, slightly cooler toward evening, 5C in north. Feeling like -5 to -8C directly in wind in morning.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

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All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 13 September, 2026

Forecast issued at 16:29 on Friday, 11 September, 2026

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