

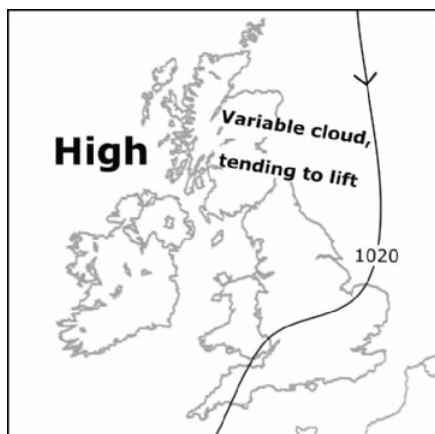
West Highlands

Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area includes Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, from Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Also Arran and Mull.



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General Summary for Thursday, 21 August, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 August, 2025

Rather cool, but a generally fine day. Light winds for the Highlands; breezier for England & Wales, particularly in the morning. Cloud locally thick enough for drizzle early morning, but lifting above most summits, some sun increasingly breaking through. Sunnier overall for Wales.

Headline for West Highlands

Cool, but mostly light wind. Cloud clearing many tops, some sun.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 21 August, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northeast or variable 5 to 10mph or less. Becoming westerly afternoon, 10-15mph, strongest toward south.
Effect of wind on you?	Small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain unlikely Chance a local brief spot of drizzle at first.
Cloud on the hills?	Patches, but tending to lift off many hills. Scattered to broken areas of cloud in morning, covering slopes above 900m, for longest near coasts/islands, may linger some tops through afternoon. Bases lifting inland, though patches may come and go above 1200m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50% lifting to 80% afternoon.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Intermittent sun, becoming more frequent through the day. Visibility very good or excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5 to 7C at dawn, chilliest north Lochaber and central Highlands. Lifting to 8 to 10C, highest south Lochaber and Argyll.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, but chilly start, with heavy dew in the glens at dawn.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 22 August	Saturday 23 August
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northwesterly or variable 5 to 10mph, up to 15mph on islands from Mull to Arran. Negligible	Variable direction 5 to 10mph. May become southeasterly 10-15mph on islands & nearest coast. Negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain unlikely Scope for an isolated light shower. Otherwise dry.	Little or no rain Spots of rain from high cloud layers, possibly locally steadier light rain for a time, chance of a brief heavier shower, but many places may well stay largely dry.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Varied patches, tending to clear Varied banks across the hills from dawn at varying heights; cloud top initially around 1000m, higher terrain above this cloud. Also ribbons of mist some glens. Hills likely to clear completely, but patches may lap on to west coast. Lifting to 70% away from west coast.	Mostly little, risk cloud banks coasts Fragments of cloud around some slopes and patchy mist some glens at first. Local cloud banks capping higher slopes if rain occurs, but many hills often clear. Cloud may be more common on islands. 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine may come through more widely through the day after dull start, but may be hazy due to upper cloud. Visibility very good.	Occasional sun and varied high cloud. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5C lifting to 8 to 10C Above the summits, but slight ground frost some inland glens.	7 to 9C from dawn, coolest well inland. Rising to 13C afternoon. Above the summits. Slight frost possible sheltered inland glens at dawn.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 22 August, 2025

High pressure persists into the weekend, maintaining substantially dry weather, though expect variable amounts of cloud, covering some hills for periods. A weak front encroaching from the west may give a little rain to western Scotland on Saturday. Light variable winds for the next few days, then southeasterly winds increasing Sunday, soonest for western regions, risk becoming much windier by Monday in west, then more widely with time. Low pressure is expected to move closer to the British Isles into the middle of next week, with a greater risk of showery rain. A more unsettled pattern toward the change of month is increasingly likely.

Forecast issued at 16:27 on Wednesday, 20 August, 2025

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