

The Northwest Highlands

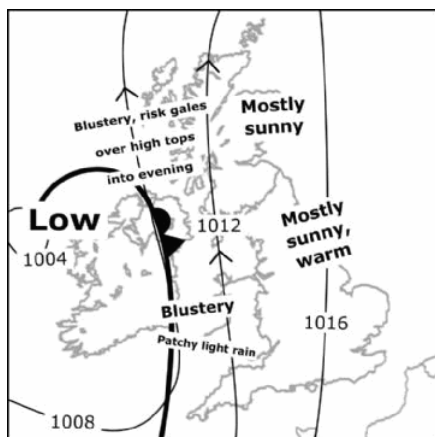
Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)



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General Summary for Tuesday, 9 September, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 9 September, 2025

Windy near west coasts of Scotland and Wales, risk of gales over high tops later in the day; local cloud and light morning rain, then dry and largely clear. Some morning light rain and cloud for Lakeland too, also clearing. Mostly clear hills east Scotland though blustery. Mostly sunny and warm along the Pennines.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Blustery, risk of gales later on western tops; largely dry

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 9 September, 2025

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| How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you? | South-southeasterly 20-30mph, lightest in the northeast; nearer 35mph Skye. Rising through afternoon towards 35-45mph south of Ullapool, strongest around Skye and Torridon - risk gusts possibly up to 55mph over tops into evening. Comfortable walking affected, notably on Skye, deteriorating to arduous conditions requiring careful attention for balance. Significant wind chill. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Likely dry, some drizzly rain on Skye Widely dry on the mainland. Some patchy drizzly morning rain on Skye will soon abate, only occasionally briefly returning. |
| Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros? | Many summits clear, notably north From dawn, local patchy mist in sheltered glens and on mountains south of Ullapool. Cloud tending to lift and break above most summits, though Skye and nearby mainland summits will continue to see high patches. 80% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Morning cloud breaks for extensive sun, fair weather cloud building later; more high cloud from the west late in the day. Excellent visibility. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level | 7 or 8C from dawn, rising up to 10C inland and north. Little or no rise on Skye and nearby coastal mountains. Feeling at or below freezing in strongest wind. Above the summits |

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

| | Wednesday 10 September | Thursday 11 September |
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| How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you? | Southerly 40-50mph, some stronger gusts over highest tops may reach 60mph. May ease somewhat around evening. Arduous walking likely all day. Gusts over tops may blow you over. Significant wind chill. | Southwesterly 25-35mph, risk of much stronger peak speeds, especially over high tops - forecast uncertain. Comfortable walking impacted, though some risk of arduous or difficult conditions on exposed tops. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Patchy rain south spreads north later Rain on and off Skye through morning, some odd patches on the mainland. Rain increasingly frequent Skye and spreading inland, wet for most later in the day. | Showers, at times frequent and heavy Often raining on Skye and nearby slopes with heavy bursts coming and going. More showery inland. Periods of frequent, heavy showers may occur with risk of hail/thunder. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Broken early, filling in from the south Patchy cloud southern areas through morning, more extensive from 700m up during and after rain. Northern mountains clearer with tops exposed for a time early. High terrain increasingly shrouded, becoming extensive from the south. | Becoming extensive Fairly extensive on Skye and coastal mountains from middle slopes up. More patchy inland with higher bases, a few odd breaks to tops possible. Cloud tending to set in more widely as showers form. |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | 60% north in the morning, lowering to 20% | 20% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Likely overcast after a few glimpses of morning sun. Very good visibility out of rain. | Some bursts of inland sun in the morning, though likely becoming mostly cloudy. Visibility often poor in rain. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level | 7 or 8C. Warmest on western coastal hills, up to 9C in the north. Feeling below freezing in strongest wind. Above the summits | 5 or 6C. Feeling like -5C in exposure, through risk much cooler. Above the summits |

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 10 September, 2025

Low pressure over the north Atlantic dominates the weather pattern for the week ahead, maintaining unsettled conditions. West to southwesterly winds prevail bringing frequent rain and cloud to western areas, regularly becoming more widespread as weather features come and go. Breaks may form with some bursts of sunshine, though likely short lived. Early indications suggest a deeper area of low pressure late weekend and early next week will bring widespread gales, possibly severe on highest terrain. Becoming more mixed after mid-month with longer periods of dry weather, but a persistent southwesterly regime will continue to draw unsettled spells of weather into Britain, notably in the north.

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