

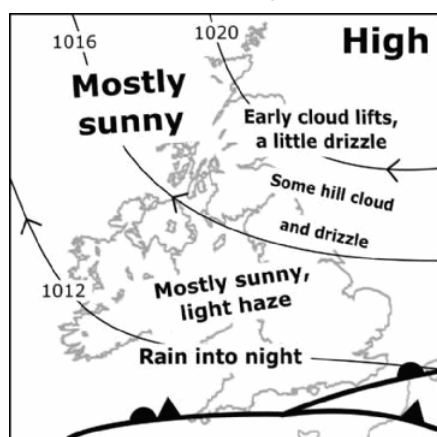
West Highlands

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 Tuesday, 25 August, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 25 August, 2026

Early cloud and drizzle in northeast England and east Scotland. Cloud lifts, sun breaking out; cloud caps cling to high east Scotland tops, a little light rain passing westward. Wales and west parts of England and Scotland largely dry with little hill cloud. Wind strengthens into night in England and Wales.

Headline for West Highlands

Mostly sunny towards coast, little rain expected

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 25 August, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly 10 to 20mph, at times approaching 25mph on highest exposed tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no rain A little drizzle possible at times mainly eastern Loch Lomond NP. With time, a few light showers will pass further west towards Loch Linnhe/Lochaber, but any falls minimal and most hills stay dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly in morning inland and south, banks cling to high tops Varied cloud banks from lower slopes upward in the morning, most extensive inland and southern areas, some higher slopes at least briefly above cloud. Cloud lifts, briefly shrouding high terrain, but lifting further to largely clear summits, though banks may cling to the highest tops.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80% northwest, 60% inland/south.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny west, some thin high cloud. Loch Lomond to central highlands may be cloudier especially morning. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	8C rising to 10 or 11C, warmest towards the west coast where locally rising a degree higher.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 26 August	Thursday 27 August
How windy? (On the Munros)	East-southeasterly 25 to 35mph, gusty in places, strongest speeds typically in south.	Easterly 20-30mph, gusty early, and easing with time, to perhaps 10-15mph or lower.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery, some notable gusty areas may suddenly affect balance, including on some downslopes west of higher mountains.	Strenuous walking with buffeting to start (gusts not just on high terrain), easing to fairly small effects.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Mostly little rain, greater risk far south Spots from high cloud occasionally, perhaps an odd burst of rain mainly southern areas - risk of steadier rain for periods Arran to Jura, this risk rising with time.	Little expected until later Many Munros substantially dry well into the day. A rising chance of a few spots of light rain from midday, then a broader area of rain approaches southernmost areas later.
Cloud on the hills?	Most extensive southern hills Banks of cloud above 600-800m mostly Loch Lomond NP into central highlands, patchier northwestward. Just at dawn, Ben Nevis summit may be near the top of the cloud layer. Clearest toward west of Loch Linnhe.	Mostly away from coast, extensive high terrain Just at dawn, cloud may be mostly below 1100-1200m, but soon lifting to shroud high inland terrain most of the day, breaks above 1100m rare and trending more extensive southern areas later in the day. Least cloud west of Loch Linnhe, mostly banks above 1000m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% south, to 70% west Lochaber	30% inland, to 60% north of Mull
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun often weak due to high cloud, tending to become more overcast from south. Visibility very good, some haze south.	Patchy sunshine, best towards the west coast where visibility will be very good (some early haze). Trending more overcast with time, notably south.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	9 or 10C, up to 13C in Lochaber afternoon. Feeling like 2 to 5C in the wind. Above the summits.	11 to 13C, warmest towards the coast, particularly west of Loch Linnhe. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 26 August, 2026

Low pressure to the south will develop and drift across Britain into the second half of this week bringing increasingly wet, warm, and humid conditions widely. Areas of rain will drift northward during Wednesday, possibly thundery showers forming over England & Wales. Heavy and thundery rain likely affects England, Wales & southern Scotland on Thursday-Friday, potentially prolonged heavy falls bringing a risk of flooding locally. Northwest Scotland likely driest. The eastern Highlands often covered in low cloud. Strong gusty easterly winds prevail for a few days through midweek. Into the weekend it remains unsettled with areas of rain and heavy showers, plus cooler northwesterly winds developing.

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