

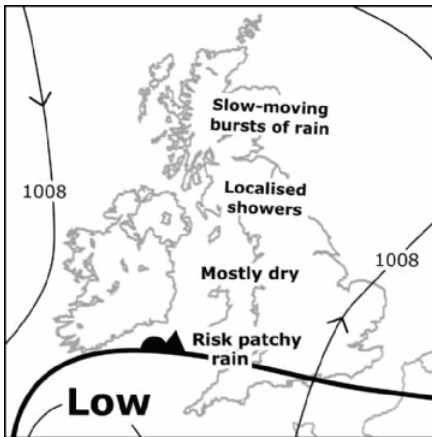
West Highlands

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 Sunday, 5 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 5 May, 2024

A slack weather pattern with light winds and fairly humid air. A lot of cloud around the mountains with patchy drizzle in the morning. Cloud lifting and breaking a little into the afternoon, but local thundery downpours will form, greatest risk for the Cairngorms area. Some rain moves into Wales from the south.

Headline for West Highlands

Light winds, varied cloud. Risk local heavy showers mainly inland.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 5 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Variable or becoming westerly toward coast and islands 5-10mph, sometimes 15mph Kintyre to Arran. At times calm inland.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzle, developing to local heavy showers, mainly well inland. Pockets of drizzle from dawn into morning. By afternoon, localised heavy showers forming, mainly well inland, chance of an isolated thunderstorm, mostly east from Rannoch Moor. Patchy drizzle may linger Kintyre, risk a shower.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, local breaks as bases slowly rise. Within a humid environment, expect extensive hill fog through the day. Lowest bases in morning, before slow rise as convection builds, with local breaks. Ragged patches returning around showers
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare sunny glimpses, best near coasts into afternoon. Hazy, and for periods in the morning murky. Best visibility coasts afternoon.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 to 8C, warmest inland towards and into afternoon.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 6 May	Tuesday 7 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Light and variable 5-10mph, but northerly down west coast 15mph. Risk local gusts 25mph inland around heavy showers. Mostly small	Mostly variable 5-10mph or less. Possibly northerly 15-20mph at first. Mostly small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain, then heavy showers forming. Patches of rain here and there in morning, but some areas dry. Then slow-moving scattered heavy showers forming, risk local thunderstorms inland areas in afternoon.	Local showers may form Pockets of drizzle early in the day fading. Chance of local showers forming into the afternoon, mainly inland and around Loch Lomond NP.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Extensive, best breaks coast afternoon. Extensive banks of low cloud, shrouding hills from lower slopes up in morning. Slow rise in bases, with the best breaks developing for coastal hills afternoon. 30%	Lifting with increasing breaks Banks of cloud at various heights in the morning, patchy fog in some glens. Will lift toward higher slopes with some breaks forming toward tops, best later in day. 50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly overcast with rare glimpses of sun. May become sunnier coasts afternoon. Hazy, with rather murky conditions, may improve to become good away from rain.	Mostly cloudy, sun best near west coast in afternoon. Misty in places early in the day, visibility becoming good.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	6 to 8C Above the summits	4 to 6C. Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 6 May, 2024

Weather patterns remain slow-moving, but high pressure tends to build into midweek to bring a fair amount of dry weather which may well last through next weekend. Briefly cooler in northern Scotland early in the week, but mostly fairly warm and winds often light. Some rain-bearing fronts may return to northwestern Scotland at times. Occasional scattered showers in the afternoons elsewhere.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Saturday, 4 May, 2024

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