

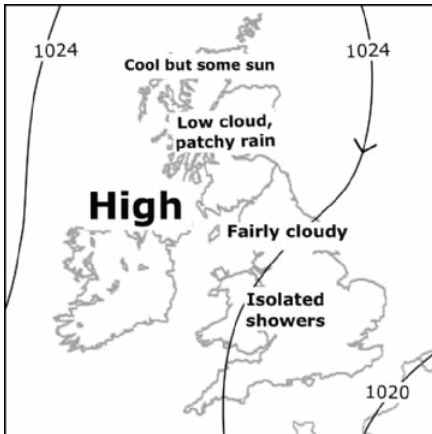
The Northwest Highlands

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, 7 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 7 May, 2024

High pressure extends in from the west, but remnants of previous showers leave a zone of low cloud and drizzly rain over central Scotland which may linger. Local showers forming. Brighter but rather cool for the northern Highlands. Fairly cloudy England & Wales, isolated showers. Light winds overall.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Dry with sun and broken cloud. Feeling cool.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 7 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Mostly variable 5-10mph or less. Northerly 15-20mph at first, especially Ben Hope and on Skye.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small, but feeling chilly in the breeze in the morning.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Mostly dry Dry most areas all day. Small risk of an isolated shower forming into afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly very little Patchy cloud around some slopes in the morning, but many hills largely clear all day.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Broken cloud and sun, best near to coasts in the afternoon. Patchy mist early in the day, visibility mostly very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1 to 3C Ben Hope area, elsewhere 3C rising to 6C.
Freezing Level	Close to freezing around 1000m toward north in the morning, otherwise above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 8 May	Thursday 9 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South to southwesterly 20 to 30mph, strengthening to 40mph on west coastal mountains. Affecting comfortable walking and balance on higher exposed terrain, buffeting over western tops. Marked wind chill.	West or southwesterly 15 to 25mph. Fairly small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain developing, heaviest west Patchy drizzly rain developing from the west, risk becoming widespread, steadier rain setting in with time over west coastal mountains, particularly Skye.	Rain mostly west, fading Rain and drizzle from overnight likely to continue into the morning, most persistent around Skye where may linger for a few hours. Breaking up into drizzly showers.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Lowering near west coast Varied banks of cloud over the hills, some good breaks are likely especially further east. Lowering cloud filling in across western mountains, blanket low cloud forming around Skye and Torridon. 30%	Extensive, lowest west Shrouding western mountains much of the day from low to mid elevations upward. Higher cloud bases inland, but covering most higher terrain persistently. Some lift of cloud bases and local breaks afternoon. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun at first, high cloud thickens to become overcast from west. Visibility good, but reducing to become poor as rain develops in west.	Overcast and dull west, murky near Skye. Glimpses of sun and better visibility toward east.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	4 to 6C. Feeling like -5C on tops where exposed to the wind. Above the summits	7 to 9C. Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 8 May, 2024

High pressure is nearby during the week ahead, but weak fronts drifting in from the Atlantic on southwesterly winds bring periods of rain and drizzle to western Scotland - the mountains often covered in cloud here. Drier with higher cloud bases toward the central and eastern Highlands. England and Wales mostly dry, isolated showers, hills often clear, light winds and mild or increasingly warm. Dry and warm for much of Britain to start the weekend with southerly breezes, but a greater risk of some rain or showers by Sunday. Showery conditions more likely into the start of next week with lower pressure likely.

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