

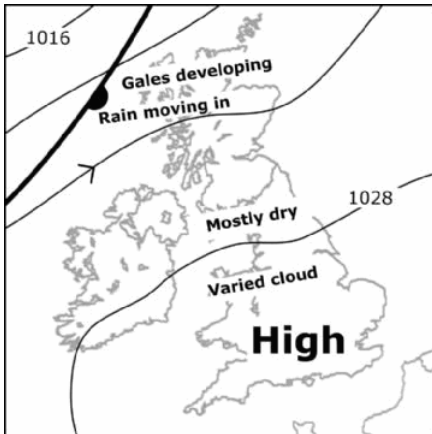
The Northwest Highlands

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 Wednesday, 8 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 8 May, 2024

Thickening cloud toward northwest Scotland will see patchy rain develop, later persistent near Skye. SW'y winds reaching gale force on coastal mountains in northwest, increasingly windy elsewhere too. By evening, a little rain spills eastwards across the Highlands. England and Wales dry with broken cloud and sun.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Wind strengthening to gale force. Rain and lowering cloud afternoon.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 8 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 25 to 35mph early morning, strengthening to 40mph inland, or 50mph on western mountains, but locally north of Ullapool reaching 60mph afternoon. Local stronger gusts possible.
Effect of wind on you?	Increasingly arduous conditions particularly over western mountains, buffeting gusts in places may knock you off your feet later. Marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain developing, heaviest western areas into evening Largely dry morning. Patchy drizzly rain developing from the west, becoming fairly widespread during the afternoon, steadier rain setting in with time over west coastal mountains, particularly Skye. Staying wet into the night especially western mountains, heavier rain for a time.
Cloud on the hills?	Capping some tops, breaks; lowering in west afternoon. Varied banks of cloud over the hills, some good breaks are likely especially further east. Lowering cloud filling in across western mountains as rain develops, blanket low cloud forming around Skye and Torridon later afternoon into evening.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40% west to 70% east; by evening 10% near west coast.
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.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4 to 6C. Feeling like -5C on tops, risk nearer -10C in strongest winds on higher areas.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 9 May	Friday 10 May
<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>West or southwesterly 20 to 30mph, locally may stronger for a time on west coastal mountains.</p> <p>Starting to affect comfortable walking and balance on exposed ridges.</p>	<p>South to southwesterly 15 to 25mph, locally on west coastal mountains up to 30mph in gusts.</p> <p>Fairly small in places, may affect walking and balance on the highest ridges, especially the Cuillin.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Rain mostly west, fading</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Chance of occasional showers.</p> <p>Most of the day dry. On the coastal areas possibility of light showers throughout the day.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Extensive, lowest west</p> <p>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.</p> <p>20%</p>	<p>Mostly west coast, likely clearing.</p> <p>Patches of clouds on the coastal mountains mainly in the morning, dispersing during the day.</p> <p>60%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Overcast and dull west, murky near Skye. Glimpses of sun and better visibility toward east.</p>	<p>Fairy cloudy in the morning, dispersing around noon, later some sunshine going through higher clouds.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>7 to 9C.</p> <p>Above the summits</p>	<p>7 to 9C.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 9 May, 2024

High pressure centred over England and Wales during the second half of this week, whilst weak fronts drift past northwest Scotland, giving some patchy rain or drizzle, but improving toward the end of the week and weekend here. Most places dry and increasingly warm with southerly breezes. A greater risk of some rain or showers by Sunday in the west. Low pressure then moving toward the south of Britain by early next week is likely to strengthen an easterly wind and may bring some rain or showers for a time.

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