

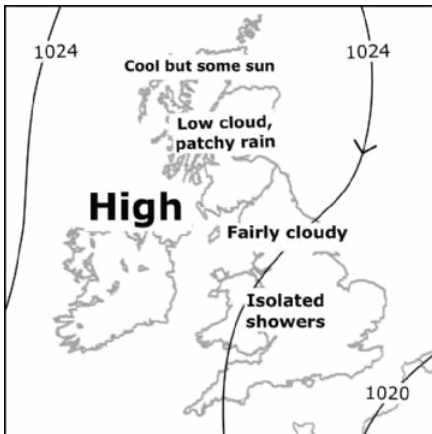
# West Highlands

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, 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 West Highlands

Cloudy, locally dull, drizzly; slow improvement, risk showers.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 7 May, 2024

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Variable 5-10mph or less.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Small
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Drizzly, local showers may form</b> Pockets of drizzle early in the day, may be damp in places for a few hours, but fading. Chance of local showers forming into the afternoon, mainly inland and around Loch Lomond NP.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive, some breaks forming</b> Banks of cloud at various heights in the morning, but shrouding many hills especially Loch Lomond NP where may persist. Patchy fog in some glens. Some breaks forming toward tops, best and soonest in Lochaber and near coast.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20% rising to 60%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, sun best near west coast in afternoon, glimpses developing inland. Misty in places early in the day, visibility becoming good.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	4 to 6C, locally rising to 8C toward Kintyre in afternoon.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits

**West Highlands - Looking Ahead**

	<b>Wednesday 8 May</b>	<b>Thursday 9 May</b>
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	South to southwesterly 20 to 25mph, strengthening to 35mph locally 40mph at times Ben Nevis range to Mull. <b>Affecting comfortable walking and balance where exposed on higher tops and toward the west. Marked wind chill.</b>	West or southwesterly 15 to 25mph. <b>Fairly small</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain developing from west</b> Patchy drizzly rain developing from the west, risk becoming steadier rain over west coastal mountains near Mull, later in the day more widespread light rain.	<b>A little rain, fading</b> Rain and drizzle from overnight likely to continue into the morning, mostly light and patchy, but may linger for a few hours, tending to fade to leave drizzly showers.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Lowering from west</b>  Varied banks of cloud over the hills, some breaks inland for periods. Lowering cloud filling in over coastal mountains to become blanket low cloud, later extending further inland to cover most higher terrain.  <b>40%</b>	<b>Extensive, may improve south</b>  Shrouding many mountains much of the day, from low to mid-elevations upward near to coasts. Some improvement with time as bases slowly lift and may break up further in southern areas.  <b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> 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 near coast.	Overcast and dull especially near coast near and west of Loch Linnhe. A little sun breaking through inland and in southern areas, visibility improving.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	5 to 7C. Feeling sub-zero on tops where exposed to the wind, near -5C higher summits.  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.

**Forecast issued at 16:30 on Monday, 6 May, 2024**

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