

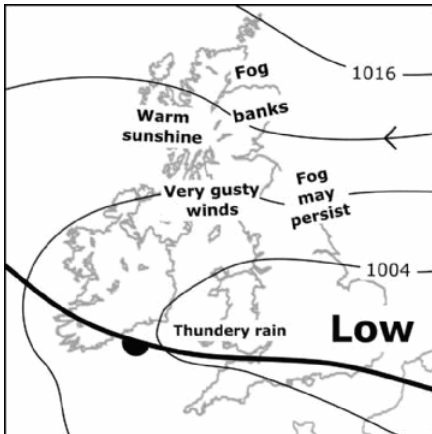
The Northwest Highlands

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 Thursday, 2 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 2 May, 2024

Gusty easterly winds, turbulent near and west of major summits. Very warm for western Scotland with strong sunshine. Fog banks for eastern and central Highlands tending to break up, but may linger for Borders. Mostly dry northern England and Eryri, but thundery rain for south and possibly mid-Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Gusty wind. Warm & sunny west. Some fog east.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 2 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 25mph to suddenly gusty 40mph around some mountains for periods, varied during day; powerful gusts in passes and downslope to west.
Effect of wind on you?	Locally very varied, but expect sudden buffeting making walking arduous in places not just on higher terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Most places dry Fine drizzle if in cloud on eastern hills.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Fog banks eastern hills in morning; largely clear in west. Banks of cloud clinging to some slopes, mainly over eastern hills in the morning; fog banks at lower elevations with some higher slopes above cloud for a time. Tending to slowly thin and disperse. West coast mountains generally clear. 70% east to above 90% west coast.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Strong sun and thin high cloud; beware sunburn. Very good visibility, but slight haze especially in east.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	7C if in fog in east, but 10C in west, locally rising to 13C on/near Skye. (Reaching 20C+ some western glens). Feeling cooler if directly in wind, near freezing if out of the sun. Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 3 May	Saturday 4 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Easterly 25 to 35mph Be prepared for fairly arduous conditions with considerable wind chill and buffeting.	Easterly 20-30mph strongest in north in morning, gusty around major summits. May become light and variable near Skye. Risk locally blustery which may affect comfortable walking on tops mostly in north.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Low risk a shower Chance of isolated showers breaking out into afternoon.	Local drizzle, risk heavy bursts later Drizzly if in hill fog, mainly toward east. Many western areas often dry, but risk isolated bursts of rain forming. By late in the day, greater risk of scattered heavy and possibly thundery bursts developing.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Hills mostly clear. A few cloud banks. Hills mostly clear, or in the west, completely clear through the day. Some cloud banks, mostly in the east, and also in and around showers elsewhere. 70%	Most persistent low cloud in east Blanket fog from lower elevations upward in eastern areas. Some hill slopes inland may be between cloud layers for periods. Breaks better westwards toward Skye, some western hills often clearer all day. 20% east to 60% west.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Cloud layers thinning to reveal sunshine, most widely near west coast. Visibility very good.	Sun mainly near west coast, but weak through high level cloud. General slight haze, but murkier eastern areas.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	8 to 10C Above the summits	7C in east Ben Wyvis to Ben Hope, up to 10C near west coast and on Skye. Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 3 May, 2024

Slow-moving weather patterns continue into the Bank Holiday weekend as a weak zone of low pressure drifts over the British Isles. There will remain uncertainty of local day-to-day detail, but most likely the wind often light and temperatures generally mild, but less warm than midweek in western Scotland. Low cloud, drizzle and scattered bursts of rain moving from northern England on Friday into the Highlands by Saturday. Then Sunday into Monday, varied zones of heavy showers forming, locally thundery, but some places escaping often dry with broken cloud and sun. High pressure then tends to build from the west into midweek to bring a fair amount of dry weather.

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