

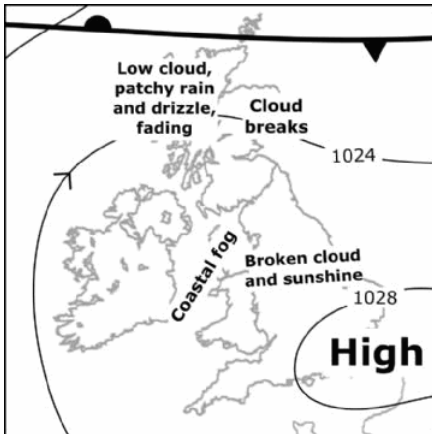
The Northwest Highlands

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, 9 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 9 May, 2024

Scottish west coast may see some denser clouds and rain patches in the first half of the day, while SW winds weaken gradually. Throughout the day conditions improve, bringing some sunshine to most mountains, perhaps excluding western coastal tops. Fine weather with just some clouds in England and Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Wind weakening. Rain and cloudy before noon, slightly improving.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 9 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	West or southwesterly 20 to 30mph, strongest in the morning.
Effect of wind on you?	Starting to affect comfortable walking and balance on exposed ridges.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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?	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.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull west, murky near Skye. Glimpses of sun and better visibility toward east.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 to locally 9C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 10 May	Saturday 11 May
<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>South to southwesterly 15 to 25mph, on coastal mountains up to 35mph in gusts, especially in the far north and on Skye.</p> <p>Fairly small in places, may affect balance on the highest ridges, especially the Cuillin and north of Ullapool.</p>	<p>Southerly 15 to 25mph, strongest in the afternoon, reaching 30mph on exposed coastal mountains, particularly Skye.</p> <p>Fairly small most of the day, in the afternoon may affect balance on the highest ridges like the Cuillin.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Drizzle possible in the morning.</p> <p>Drizzle or light rain possible on the start of the day, especially near the coast. Lowering chance of rain during the day, dry in the afternoon.</p>	<p>Rain not expected.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Possible in the morning, likely clearing.</p> <p>Patches of clouds mainly in the morning, dispersing during the day. Persistent for longer on the coast.</p> <p>40%</p>	<p>Hills clear.</p> <p>90%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Fairy cloudy in the morning, dispersing around noon, later some sunshine going through higher clouds. More cloudy on the coastal areas.</p>	<p>In the morning only some higher clouds, later mostly sunny. Very good visibility.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>8 to 11C.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>	<p>10 to 13C.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 10 May, 2024

High pressure drifting eastwards during the weekend, whilst southerly breezes brings warmer air and often clear skies, with most places staying dry. 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 the winds and may bring some rain or showers for a time.

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