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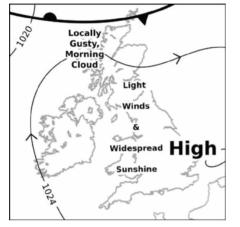
The Northwest Highlands

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 Friday, 10 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 10 May, 2024

Extensively dry across much of the country with any morning cloud, if any, soon evaporating. Light winds except in the West and Northwest Highlands, where it will be locally gusty. Widespread sunshine developing through high cloud; summits feeling mild.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Gusty in places. Low cloud near west coast mostly clearing.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 10 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southwesterly 15 to 25mph, on coastal mountains up to 35mph in gusts, especially in the far north and on Skye.	
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small in places, may affect balance on the exposed ridges, especially the Cuillin and north of Ullapool.	
How wet?	Drizzle possible in the morning	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzle or light rain possible on the start of the day, especially near the coast and on the Cuillin.	
	Lowering chance of rain during the day, dry in the afternoon.	
Cloud on the hills?	Possible in the morning, likely clearing	
	Patches of clouds mainly in the morning, dispersing during the day. Persistent for longer on the coast.	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Becoming 70%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairy cloudy in the morning, dispersing around noon, later some sunshine going through higher clouds. More cloudy on the coastal areas. Good visibility.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	8 to 11C. Feeling 5C or below in the wind.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	

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The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 11 May	Sunday 12 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 15 to 25mph, strongest in the afternoon, reaching 30mph on exposed coastal mountains, particularly Skye. Fairly small most of the day, in the afternoon may affect balance on the exposed ridges like the Cuillin.	Southwesterly 30mph in morning easing, except perhaps on Skye. Gusty south to southwesterly 10 to 20mph much of day. Soon mostly small in many places but gusts may affect your balance.
How wet?	Rain not expected	Increasing risk of localised showers.
(Precipitation and its impact)		Spots of rain falling from high level cloud in morning. Increasing risk of local heavy showers by late afternoon in southern regions. Persistent rain overnight as front moves in from evening.
Cloud on the hills?	Hills clear	Tops clearing after morning until rain
	Any morning mist on higher slopes will soon evaporate.	Morning mist on many mountains and in the glens will clear. Cloud re-forming and enveloping summits and mid-slopes during any showers.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	90%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	In the morning only some higher clouds, later mostly sunny. Very good visibility.	Pockets of sunshine fading as high cloud thickens through day. Morning haze mostly washed out by afternoon showers.
How Cold? (at 900m)	10 to 13C. Feeling around 5C in the wind, especially when not in direct sunshine.	7 to 9C, warmest in eastern areas. Feeling 5C or cooler in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 11 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 showers or thunderstorms by Sunday. Low pressure bringing wet and windier weather for a day or two Monday onwards. Becoming showery from Tuesday or Wednesday with varying cloud banks across many mountain areas. Temperatures remaining mild.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Thursday, 9 May, 2024

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