

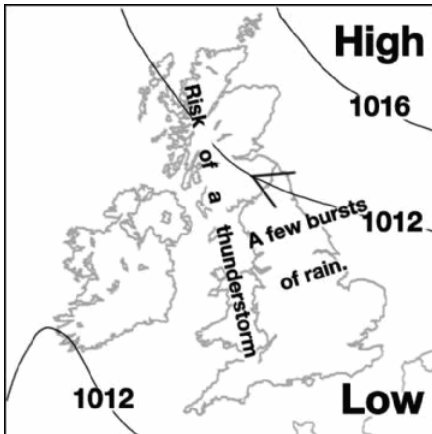
The Northwest Highlands

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 Tuesday, 21 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 May, 2024

Extensively dry with light wind. However, as cloud builds sunshine will tend to give way from southeast and here and there bursts of rain are likely. It will be warm, particularly on summits near the west coast, where scattered thunderstorms giving localised torrential rain.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Extensive sunshine. Low risk thunderstorm afternoon or evening.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 21 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Morning: Southeasterly 15 to temporarily 20mph. Afternoon onwards: Progressively becoming very light and direction varied.
Effect of wind on you?	Small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk isolated thunderstorm Dry all day almost everywhere but later in the afternoon onwards, isolated bursts of rain and within a few miles of the west coast small risk of a thunderstorm giving heavy or torrential rain.
Cloud on the hills?	Not expected Summits all or almost all constantly cloud free. Nevertheless, fog likely to form on both lower and higher slopes in and after rain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Almost certain
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensive sunshine, but cloud bubbling up through the afternoon. Visibility excellent or superb.
How Cold? (at 900m)	7C at dawn, rising to 14C by mid afternoon.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 22 May	Thursday 23 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Morning: direction varied, widely less than 10mph. Afternoon onwards: Northerly, gradually strengthening to 20 or 25mph. Negligible morning, by evening, impeding ease of walking on some higher areas.	Low confidence in whole forecast: Northerly between 20 and 40mph. Threat of significant wind chill and difficult walking where exposed on higher areas, particularly near Ben Wyvis.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Increasingly wet: Risk thunderstorms. Morning: Bursts of heavy rain and thunderstorms developing, mainly western mountains. Afternoon onwards: Generally deteriorating as thundery rain becomes increasingly widespread.	Rain tending to clear A broad swath of rain (possibly locally snow highest tops) will tend to clear, initially near west coast - but could persist most, possibly all day elsewhere (greatest rainfall likely to be near Ben Wyvis, least western hills south of Torridon).
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Increasingly extensive on higher areas Considerable variation both through the day and sometimes between adjacent summits. Generally deteriorating as cloud fills in following onset of rain, quite widely cloud forming on lower slopes. However, even in morning, patches of fog from some lower slopes up. 30%	Very extensive, although cloud base rising from west Cloud blanketing the mountains very widely from dawn. As rain eases, so cloud base will tend to rise, perhaps clearing western mountains south of about Torridon. However, toward Sutherland and Ben Wyvis, the improvement may be very late in the day. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A little sun, mainly morning; overall increasingly dull. Excellent visibility but deteriorating markedly as rain develops.	Sunshine will tend to extend off the sea at least onto western mountains, possibly not until late in day. Otherwise, cloudy or dull. Poor visibility in rain but becoming very good from west.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	8C Above the summits	Between 2 and 5C Generally above the summits, but may drop to 1050m occasionally.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 22 May, 2024

Low confidence on Wednesday and particularly Thursday. On Wednesday areas of thundery rain become increasingly widespread, although most or perhaps all of Wales will escape. By Thursday, there is uncertainty in positioning a north to south band of rain. It is most likely to be centred over eastern Britain, but edge away east only slowly. Beyond, after dry weather into the weekend, southerly winds will strengthen ahead of rain coming in off the Atlantic (again timing of this uncertain).

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