

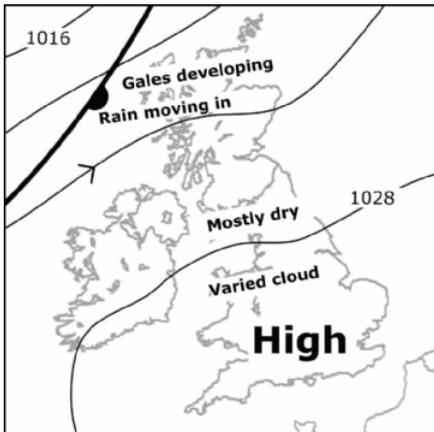
# West Highlands

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 Wednesday, 8 May, 2024



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 8 May, 2024

Thickening cloud toward northwest Scotland will see patchy rain develop, later persistent near Skye. SW'y winds reaching gale force on coastal mountains in northwest, increasingly windy elsewhere too. By evening, a little rain spills eastwards across the Highlands. England and Wales dry with broken cloud and sun.

### Headline for West Highlands

Wind strengthening, later gales on tops. Rain toward evening.

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 8 May, 2024

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southwesterly 25mph strengthening to 35mph locally 40mph at times Ben Nevis range to Mull, tending to strengthen widely into afternoon and evening; later in day gusts 50mph on some higher slopes.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Affecting comfortable walking and balance where exposed on higher tops, becoming more arduous toward the west. Marked wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Rain developing from west, heavier into evening and night</b> Mostly dry morning. Patchy drizzly rain developing from the west, by later afternoon some steadier rain over west coastal mountains near Mull then by evening more widespread light rain moving inland. Staying wet into the night, most persistent rain in the west.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Capping some tops, breaks, lowering later in day from west</b> Varied banks of cloud over the hills, some breaks inland for periods. Lowering cloud filling in over coastal mountains later in day as rain develops, later extending further inland to cover most higher terrain up to dusk.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Occasional sun at first, high cloud thickens to become overcast from west. Visibility good, but reducing to become poor as rain develops near coast.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	5 to 7C. Feeling sub-zero on tops where exposed to the wind, near -5C higher summits.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 9 May	Friday 10 May
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	West or southwesterly 15 to 25mph.	South to southwesterly 15 to 25mph, locally on coastal mountains up to 30mph in gusts.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Fairly small</b>	<b>Fairly small in places, may affect walking and balance on the highest ridges.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<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>Rain unlikely, low risk of showers.</b> Chance of an odd spot of rain.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</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>Mostly very little.</b>  Patches on higher slopes before noon, soon lifting.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull especially near coast near and west of Loch Linnhe. A little sun breaking through inland and in southern areas, visibility improving.	Mostly sunny, patches of clouds developing in the afternoon.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	7 to 9C.	7 to 9C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits	Above the summits.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 9 May, 2024**

High pressure centred over England and Wales during the second half of this week, whilst weak fronts drift past northwest Scotland, giving some patchy rain or drizzle, but improving toward the end of the week and weekend here. Most places dry and increasingly warm with southerly breezes. 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 an easterly wind and may bring some rain or showers for a time.

**Forecast issued at 16:30 on Tuesday, 7 May, 2024**

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