

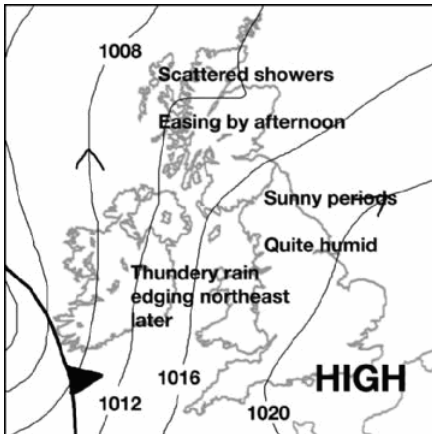
The Northwest Highlands

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 Wednesday, 18 May, 2022



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 18 May, 2022

Scotland - Scattered morning showers, then mostly dry with hazy sun in the afternoon. Low cloud lifting and mostly clearing by afternoon.
 England/Wales - Mostly dry with hazy sun and quite humid. Increasing risk of thundery rain later, first Wales and then elsewhere into evening.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Blustery, risk gales west coast. Morning showers easing. Hills clearing with sun.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 18 May, 2022

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly becoming southerly, in the range 25 to 40mph, risk 50mph at times near the west coast.
Effect of wind on you?	Be prepared for arduous conditions and very gusty periods with considerable buffeting. Difficult conditions for periods near west coast.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery rain soon clearing Showery pulses of rain from dawn, focussed on western hills. Clearing to the north by late morning, then likely dry. Rain returning during the evening.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Early banks clearing off hills. Banks covering higher slopes for a few hours from dawn, mostly from Skye to Western Ross. Cloud lifting and mostly dispersing to leave hills clear by afternoon, slowest to clear on and near Skye where the odd ragged patch may linger on the tops. Reforming widely in rain evening. 30% lifting to 80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Cloud layers thinning to allow hazy spells of sunshine to develop. Visibility good, but slight haze.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	4C lifting to 6 to 8C Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 19 May	Friday 20 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 25 to 35mph, strongest near west coast where reaching 40mph for periods. Be prepared for arduous conditions at times, especially near the west coast.	Southwesterly 15 to 30mph, strongest near the west coast in the morning where reaching 35-40mph for a time. Will impede walking at times across the hills, especially across western coastal hills where may be arduous in morning.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Scattered showers A scattering of showers through the day. Focussed western coastal hills early in morning, before developing more widely inland into the afternoon.	Dry start, increasing risk of showery rain. Dry start to the day. Then a few well scattered showers, before more widespread showery rain arrives during the afternoon. Some heavy bursts.
Cloud on the hills?	Confined to higher slopes Broken cloud layers with bases around 800-1100m in the morning, most extensive near the west coast. Into afternoon, bases lifting to 1000-1300m with some breaks.	Mostly clear start, lowering in rain. Mostly clear start, bar some patches near the west coast. Becoming extensive on and near Skye, and patches may lower onto tops elsewhere in the afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	80%, lowering to 20% on and near Skye.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy morning, some patchy sun in the afternoon. Visibility good or very good, but poor in showers.	Occasional patches of sun, but from the west becoming cloudy. Visibility good or very good, lowering in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	4C lifting to 6C Above the summits.	4C lifting to 6C Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 19 May, 2022**

Generally southwesterly through the rest of the week, feeling rather cool on the mountains. Low cloud and pulses of rain will be concentrated across western Scotland, although some will spill in across England and Wales at times too, especially on Friday when some heavy thundery bursts may develop. Higher pressure building across England and Wales should bring fewer showers and some warmer, sunnier periods. High pressure over England and Wales over the weekend will afford mostly dry conditions here with some sunshine.

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