

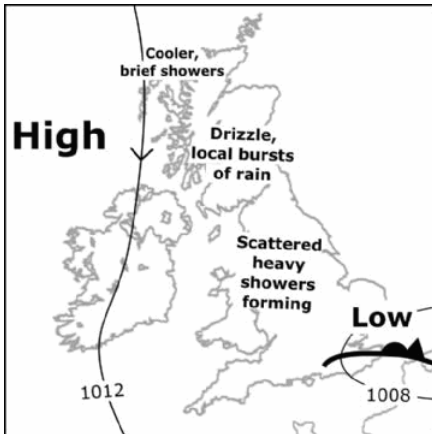
The Northwest Highlands

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 Monday, 6 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 6 May, 2024

Central, east and southern Scotland sees areas of rain from early in the day - these then redeveloping into local thundery downpours into afternoon. For England and Wales, scattered heavy and locally thundery showers also forming later. Winds fairly light overall. Varied cloud bases, limited sun.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Cooler, moderate breeze. Cloudy, patchy rain occasionally.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 6 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	North to northwesterly, 10 to 15mph, occasionally 20mph on some exposed higher terrain near to coasts. Often lower speeds inland from Kintail to Great Glen.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small, but feeling noticeably chilly if exposed to stronger breezes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	A little rain locally, often dry Local drizzly showers in the morning, mostly near to western coasts. A little patchy rain on and off during the day, but amounts generally small, some places often dry. Chance of an isolated heavier shower near Great Glen.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied low cloud, some breaks forming Varied banks of low cloud, shrouding hills from lower slopes up in morning. Slow rise in bases toward upper slopes inland. Low cloud may persist Ullapool northward. Some breaks into the afternoon, mainly Skye to Kintail.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% rising to 60% inland and south.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly overcast with rare glimpses of sun. Hazy, dull around patchy rain, but visibility becoming mostly very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4 to 6C, coolest near to west coast, tending to drop to 3C widely by evening, locally 1C in north from dusk. Feeling sub-zero if exposed to stronger breeze during daytime.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, but after sunset dropping near to freezing on highest tops north from Assynt.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 7 May	Wednesday 8 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Mostly variable 5-10mph or less. Northerly 15-20mph at first, especially Ben Hope and on Skye. Mostly small, but feeling chilly in the breeze in the morning.	South to southwesterly 15 to 25mph, may strengthen to 30-35mph with time. Fairly small, but increasingly breezy over higher terrain, affecting comfortable walking and balance where exposed.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Mostly dry Local pockets of drizzle early in the day fading. Small risk of an isolated shower forming into afternoon.	Risk a little rain west Patchy drizzly rain may develop from the west, risk becoming steadier rain over west coastal mountains, particularly Skye.
Cloud on the hills?	Breaks to tops Banks of cloud at various heights in the morning, patchy fog in some glens. Will lift toward higher slopes with some breaks forming, increasingly clearing many tops.	Risk lowering near west coast Varied banks of cloud over the hills, some good breaks are likely especially further east. Risk of lowering cloud filling in across western mountains, lowest bases around Skye and Torridon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, sun best near west coast in afternoon. Misty in places early in the day, visibility becoming good.	Occasional sun, high cloud may thicken to become overcast from west. Visibility good, but reducing to become poor if rain develops in west.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	1 to 3C Ben Hope area, elsewhere 3C rising to 6C. Close to freezing around 1000m toward north in the morning, otherwise above the summits.	3 to 5C. Feeling sub-zero on tops in increasing wind. Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 7 May, 2024**

High pressure builds from the west to be centred over England and Wales into midweek. A fair amount of dry weather in the outlook which may well last through next weekend. Isolated afternoon showers some days. Some weak fronts drifting in from the Atlantic on southwesterly winds bring a risk of occasional rain to the West and Northwest Highlands, with mountains covered in cloud for periods here, especially near to coasts in west. Often dry with higher cloud bases toward the central and eastern Highlands. Briefly cooler in northern Scotland early in the week, but mostly fairly warm and winds often light.

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