

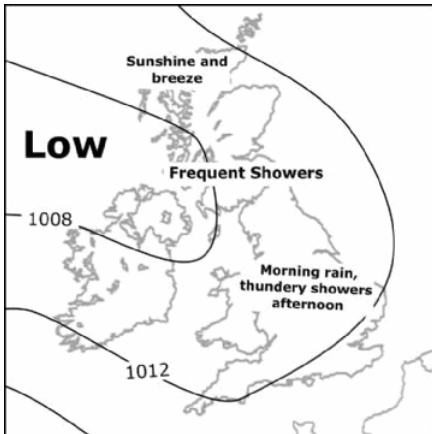
The Northwest Highlands

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 Sunday, 26 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 26 May, 2024

Low pressure system drifting from the Atlantic brings unstable weather, lot of clouds, frequent showers and more than occasional thunderstorms, especially in northern England. Strong gusts are expected by thunderstorms, especially in Welsh mountains and in Peak District. Best conditions likely in Northwest Highlands.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Partly sunny, afternoon showers south. Local gusty wind.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 26 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	East to southeasterly, 20 to 30mph, north of Ullapool gusts up to 40mph. Most gusty around noon. Weakest south of Torridon.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, on the northern coast moderate at times, there walking impeded.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Morning only local drizzle, later showers, locally thundery. Most likely dry morning and noon apart from few rain spots south of Torridon. In the afternoon widely developing showers and inland low risk of isolated thunderstorms. Sutherland more often dry throughout the day.
Cloud on the hills?	Often clear at start, covered afternoon. Some hills clear in the morning, most likely those north of Torridon. Later lowering bases and hardly any tops clear.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50% falling to 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Often sunny north of Torridon in the morning, later with dense clouds hardly any sunshine, best chance in the far north. Visibility moderate at start, worsening.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 to 9C, feeling close to freezing where exposed to strong winds.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 27 May	Tuesday 28 May
<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Variable, 10 to 15mph, in the afternoon changing to westerly and strengthening, up to 25mph.</p> <p>Small at start, starting to affect balance in the afternoon.</p>	<p>Low confidence: South to southeasterly 10 to 20mph, but risk near 30mph west coast and sudden gusts near showers.</p> <p>Blustery conditions up the west coast for a time, and some sudden gusty conditions near showers. Otherwise, mostly small.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Morning rain coast, later showers inland.</p> <p>Rain in the morning on the west coastal mountains. In the afternoon inland developing showers and low risk of isolated thunderstorms moving northeast; west coast should stay free of thunder.</p>	<p>Risk of heavy showers forming</p> <p>From dawn, mostly dry, but risk of bursts of rain here and there edging up from south. Toward and into afternoon, potential for heavy showers to form, risk thunder.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p>	<p>Hills covered extensively, lifting</p> <p>Hills extensively covered at start, lifting slightly during the day, clearing lower slopes but leaving higher tops in clouds, but some breaks forming later from west.</p>	<p>Banks mostly in east, clearer in west.</p> <p>Given flow direction, hills from Skye up the west coast to Assynt, clear much of day away from showers. Elsewhere, some cloud banks, mainly early and in showers.</p>
<p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>10%, later 40%</p>	<p>70% in west, 40% in east.</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Hardly any break in clouds inland, some sunshine in the afternoon on the west coastal areas.</p> <p>Poor visibility morning, improving.</p>	<p>High cloud increasing from south, but scope for some patches of sun, before clouds tend to bubble up.</p> <p>Visibility mostly very good, poor in rain.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>5 to 8C.</p> <p>As wind strengthens will feel near or even below freezing on highest terrain.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>	<p>7C</p> <p>Above the summits</p>

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 27 May, 2024

Bank Holiday is likely to stay wet in Scotland and northern England, with widely spread showers from the Highlands to the Lakes. Occasional showers may also sweep across Pennines and Snowdonia. Warm front from the west coming on Tuesday brings more persistent, but usually less intense rain. Following this, a northerly flow and high pressure building from the west, brings optimism for improving conditions and sunnier end of the week, while temperatures likely staying similar or even dropping slightly.

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