

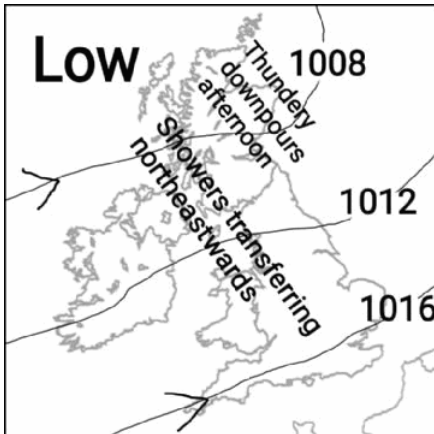
The Northwest Highlands

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, 27 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 27 May, 2024

Low pressure to northwest, brings an unstable southwesterly with clusters of rain or showers in the west, heaviest on the coast, transferring northeastwards through the day. This will allow an afternoon improvement in the west, whilst a focus of heavy downpours and thunderstorms will affect the east and northeast.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Clusters of showers moving northeast, Risk thunder inland. Drier in west later.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 27 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Variable, 10 to 15mph, in the afternoon changing to westerly and strengthening, up to 25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Small at start, starting to affect balance in the afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Morning rain coast, then showers. Risk thunder inland. 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.
Cloud on the hills?	Hills covered extensively, lifting 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.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%, lifting to 50% in the afternoon.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Hardly any break in clouds inland, some sunshine in the afternoon on the west coastal areas. Poor visibility morning, improving.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5 to 8C. As wind strengthens will feel near or even below freezing on highest terrain.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 28 May	Wednesday 29 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Low confidence: South to southeasterly 10 to 20mph, but risk near 30mph west coast and sudden gusts near showers. Blustery conditions up the west coast for a time, and some sudden gusty conditions near showers. Otherwise, mostly small.	Fairly light and variable for several hours, before tending to become northwesterly 10 to perhaps 15mph later. Mostly negligible, but scope for sudden gusts into afternoon in and around heavy showers.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk of heavy showers forming 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.	Clusters of heavy showers, risk thunder. From dawn, areas of rain with some heavy bursts, mainly near coast and in south. Through day, clusters of heavy showers will break out, risk isolated thunderstorms, coastal hills drier.
Cloud on the hills?	Banks mostly in east, clearer in west. 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.	Cloud banks most extensive early, and in downpours. Within a humid environment, expect widespread cloud banks at varying heights, some slopes or tops clear above or between cloud layers. Slow rise in bases, away from heavy downpours.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70% in west, 40% in east.	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	High cloud increasing from south, but scope for some patches of sun, before clouds tend to bubble up. Visibility mostly very good, poor in rain.	Often overcast, with limited patches of sun. May become sunnier coastal hills. Visibility good, but rather murky at times in morning, and poor visibility in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	7C Above the summits	6C Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 28 May, 2024**

Tuesday will see unsettled conditions prevail with spells of rain moving in from the southwest courtesy of a warm front. Uncertainty on northward extent, but heavy showers may develop over the Highlands. Wednesday will see frequent areas of heavy showers or local thunderstorms, western coastal hills best. Then scope for drier conditions to develop as a ridge of high pressure moves in from the west, bringing a north to northwest flow. Low cloud and drizzly showers likely NW Scotland.

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