

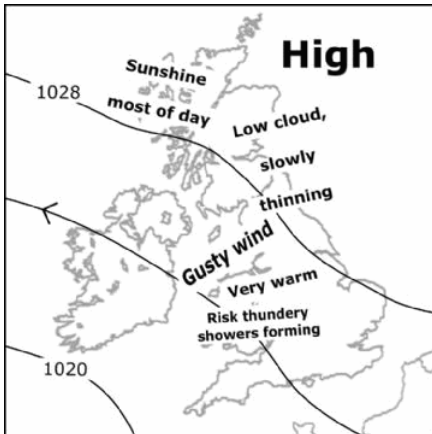
The Northwest Highlands

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, 27 May, 2026



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 27 May, 2026

A largely sunny day in NW Scotland, whilst low cloud in central-E Scotland & NE England in the morning will gradually thin and break, but may linger toward the North Sea. Gusty SE'ly winds for England & Wales, but remaining very warm. Localised thundery rain may develop in Wales, mainly south.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Generally sunny, warming up. Light wind, breezier later Skye.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 27 May, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Variable or southeasterly 5-10mph or less in morning. Lifting to 15mph particularly western coastal hills and Isles where gusty 20mph at times afternoon onward.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible away from the west coast where breeze will pick up through the day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain expected
Cloud on the hills?	Mountains clear Possible mist mostly eastern glens early morning, brief cloud on some slopes, all dispersing. Clear all day in west.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Greater than 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Widespread sunshine, some areas of thin high cloud. Beware high UV and sunburn. Visibility very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	North: 5 to 7C at first, rising to 11C afternoon. Skye-Kintail-Torridon areas: 9C rising to 14C afternoon.
Freezing Level	Well above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 28 May	Friday 29 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South to southeasterly, 20mph or less for a time, but likely strengthening during day to 30mph, risk gusty 40mph in places. Likely increasingly blustery, affecting ease of walking and balance on exposed terrain.	Southwesterly 35 to 50mph, strongest sustained speeds much of day likely toward north. Strenuous walking conditions, frequent buffeting affecting balance over exposed terrain. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk thundery rain late in day Most likely only toward evening, chance of odd bursts of rain forming or moving in from the south, possibly thundery by dusk into night - the risk of rain then becomes greater more widely.	Rain and showers Rain fairly persistent over western hills in the morning, tending to break up into showery rain and some drizzle on windward slopes in west.
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any The mountains largely clear all day. By dusk onward, cloud banks starting to lower onto hills as and where rain develops.	Fairly extensive Shrouding western mountains most of the day above 600-800m, or lower for periods near to coasts in rain. Some higher breaks mainly eastern areas.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	90%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun and thin high cloud, tending to thicken during the day from the south. Visibility good, some haze.	Occasional sun mostly east, otherwise cloudy. Visibility poor in rain, better eastward, may improve elsewhere at times, but hazy west.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	12C rising to 15C, locally warmer inland by afternoon. Well above the summits.	6 to 8C. Wind chill feeling like -5C on high tops. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 28 May, 2026

Very warm air wafts north across the Highlands by Thursday, but this also brings a risk of scattered thundery showers forming; strong and gusty southerly winds. Gale or near-gale force southwesterlies into Friday for the Highlands, strongest toward the northwest, where accompanied by rain, drizzle and low cloud. The recent heat across England and Wales will ease back to nearer average temperatures into the weekend. From the weekend into next week, southwesterlies will prevail, bringing changeable conditions in from the Atlantic - rain, drizzle and low cloud most common on western coastal mountains, but showery days are likely more widely at times. Temperatures near average, some cooler days.

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