

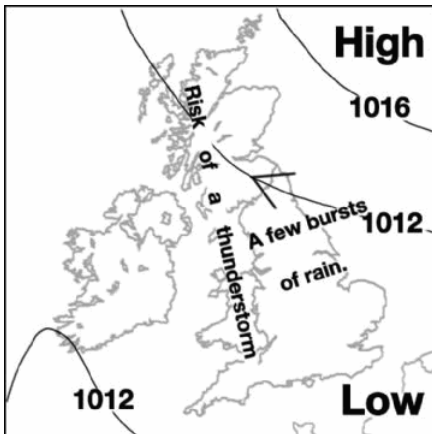
West Highlands

Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area includes Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, from Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Also Arran and Mull.



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General Summary for Tuesday, 21 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 May, 2024

Extensively dry with light wind. However, as cloud builds sunshine will tend to give way from southeast and here and there bursts of rain are likely. It will be warm, particularly on summits near the west coast, where scattered thunderstorms giving localised torrential rain.

Headline for West Highlands

Extensive sunshine. Low risk thunderstorm afternoon or evening.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 21 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Morning: Southeasterly 15 to temporarily 20mph. Afternoon onwards: Progressively becoming very light and direction varied.
Effect of wind on you?	Small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk isolated thunderstorm Dry all day almost everywhere but from afternoon, isolated bursts of rain and within a few miles of the west coast small risk of a thunderstorm giving heavy or torrential rain.
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any Summits all or almost all constantly cloud free after a few fragments here and there after dawn. Nevertheless, fog likely to form on both lower and higher slopes in and after rain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Almost certain
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensive sunshine morning, but mostly thin cloud layers progressively weakening the sun afternoon. Visibility excellent or superb.
How Cold? (at 900m)	7C at dawn, rising to 14C by mid afternoon.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 22 May	Thursday 23 May
<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Morning: direction varied, widely less than 10mph. Afternoon onwards: Northerly, gradually strengthening to 20 or 25mph.</p> <p>Negligible morning, by evening, impeding ease of walking on some higher areas.</p>	<p>Low confidence in whole forecast: Northerly between 20 and 40mph.</p> <p>Threat of significant wind chill and difficult walking where exposed on higher areas, particularly central highlands.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Increasingly wet: Risk thunderstorms.</p> <p>Morning: Bursts of heavy rain and thunderstorms developing, mainly western mountains.</p> <p>Afternoon onwards: Generally deteriorating as thundery rain becomes increasingly widespread.</p>	<p>Rain tending to clear</p> <p>A broad swath of rain (possibly locally snow highest tops) will tend to clear, initially near west coast - but could persist at least on and off most of the day well inland.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Increasingly extensive on higher areas</p> <p>Considerable variation both through the day and sometimes between adjacent summits. Generally deteriorating as cloud fills in following onset of rain, quite widely cloud forming on lower slopes. However, even in morning, patches of fog from some lower slopes up.</p> <p>20%</p>	<p>Very extensive, although cloud base rising from west</p> <p>Cloud may well blanket the mountains very widely from dawn.</p> <p>As rain eases, so cloud base will tend to rise, perhaps clearing most or all summits toward the coast through the afternoon.</p> <p>30%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>A little sun, mainly morning; overall increasingly dull.</p> <p>Excellent visibility but deteriorating markedly as rain develops.</p>	<p>Sunshine will tend to extend off the sea at least onto western mountains, possibly not until late in day. Otherwise, cloudy or dull.</p> <p>Poor visibility in rain but becoming very good from west.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>8C</p> <p>Above the summits</p>	<p>Between 2 and 5C</p> <p>Generally above the summits, but may drop to 1050m occasionally.</p>

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 22 May, 2024

Low confidence on Wednesday and particularly Thursday. On Wednesday areas of thundery rain become increasingly widespread, although most or perhaps all of Wales will escape. By Thursday, there is uncertainty in positioning a north to south band of rain. It is most likely to be centred over eastern Britain, but edge away east only slowly. Beyond, after dry weather into the weekend, southerly winds will strengthen ahead of rain coming in off the Atlantic (again timing of this uncertain).

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