

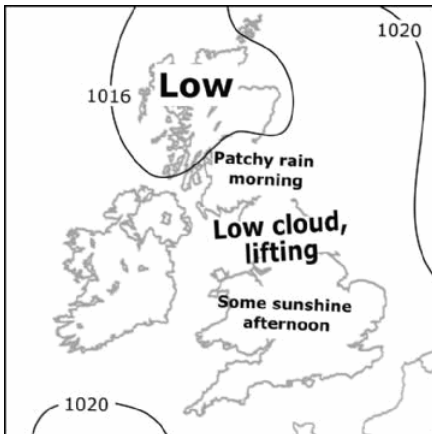
West Highlands

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 Friday, 24 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 24 May, 2024

Weakening low pressure over Scotland leaves extensive low clouds over the hills. Inland Scotland and northern England patchy rain in the morning and in the afternoon. Some sunshine in the south (Peak District, Brecon Beacons) and on western Scottish coast second part of the day. Only gentle breeze even on the highest tops.

Headline for West Highlands

Cloudy inland with few showers, mostly fine near the coast.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 24 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Variable 10-15mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Local rain or showers mostly inland Patchy rain drifting around slowly from dawn into the morning between Arran and Loch Lomond. By afternoon local brief showers forming, mostly inland areas. Wet ground and fast flowing streams.
Cloud on the hills?	Often covering tops Varied banks of cloud covering the hills in the morning, bases tending to rise during the day, some breaks to upper slopes, but returning as ragged patches around showers.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% to 70% on the coast afternoon
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Some sunshine possible in the afternoon, best chance near to the coast. Visibility good away from rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4 to 6C
Freezing Level	Above the summits

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 25 May	Sunday 26 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South to southeasterly, 15 to 30mph, on the west coastal mountains gusts up to 40mph in the afternoon. Considerable wind chill, walking strenuous and balance affected on exposed ridges.	South to southeasterly, 20 to 30mph. Fairly small, starting to affect comfortable walking on exposed ridges.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Morning drizzle, risk of evening rain. Light drizzle possible in the morning, later only odd spots of rain mainly on the west coastal mountains. Risk of possibly heavy rain in the evening or into the night..	Risk early rain, showery bursts later. Uncertain at start, possibility of heavy rain early morning. Later likely developing showers, locally intense showery bursts. Possible thunderstorms.
Cloud on the hills?	Morning dense cover, later mostly lifting Starting with dense clouds covering hills and valleys, later widely lifting. Highest tops longer covered, perhaps clearing in the afternoon.	Hills covered extensively. Dense cloud cover for most of the day on the tops, lowest slopes in the morning.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%, rising to 60%	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little sunshine through clouds later in the day. Visibility good, possible slight haze.	Hardly any sunshine, mostly dull and foggy. Poor visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5 to 9C. Above the summits.	6 to 8C, feeling close to freezing where exposed to strong winds or even below freezing on highest tops. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 25 May, 2024**

Low pressure system will fade upon the weekend arrival, allowing for a short improvement in the weather on Saturday. Into Sunday, shallow low from the east brings a risk of worsening conditions in Scotland and northern England, while western areas will see a new cold front coming from the Atlantic bringing moist, unstable air and spells of rain or showers, continuing into Bank Holiday. With a series of fronts from the west, next week will likely stay changeable, with more cloudy and wet days than sunny spells.

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