

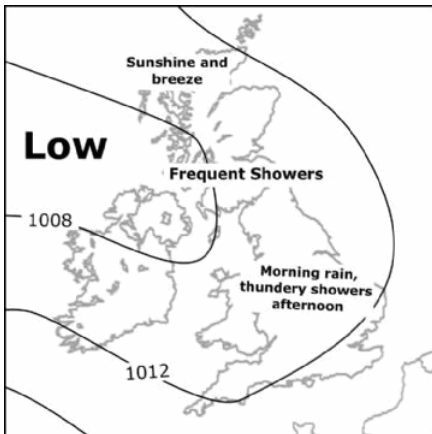
West Highlands

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 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 West Highlands

Frequent rain in most areas. Local gusty wind.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 26 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	East to southeasterly, 20 to 35mph, strongest speeds typically on exposed coastal mountains, highest gusts around noon.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, starting to affect comfortable walking on exposed ridges.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Morning drizzle coast, later showers, locally thundery. Rain early morning around Islay, Arran and Loch Lomond. Around noon widely developing showers, locally intense showery bursts. Mostly low risk of thunderstorms, greatest around Loch Lomond.
Cloud on the hills?	Hills covered extensively, tops all day, valleys in the morning. Dense cloud cover for most of the day on the tops. Lowest slopes covered in the morning, lifting cloud base in the afternoon, unless a thunderstorm occurs.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Hardly any sunshine, mostly dull and foggy. Poor visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 to 8C, feeling close to freezing where exposed to strong winds or even below freezing on highest tops.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

West 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 with gusts up to 35mph.</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>Mostly wet start, slowly better afternoon.</p> <p>Persistent, light to moderate rain in the morning, most intense on the coast. Local showery bursts well inland into early afternoon, but slowly improving conditions from the south.</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, especially south.</p>	<p>May be extensive for a time, some breaks.</p> <p>Cloud banks may be extensive for a time, especially in the south in the morning, before a gradual lift in bases. However, bases widely lowering again in showers.</p>
<p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>10%, later 50%</p>	<p>40%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Hardly any break in clouds inland, some sunshine in the afternoon in the south and on the west coastal areas.</p> <p>Poor visibility morning, improving.</p>	<p>Mid to high level 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>4 to 6C.</p> <p>As wind strengthens will feel below freezing on higher terrain.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>	<p>6C</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.

Forecast issued at 16:14 on Saturday, 25 May, 2024

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