

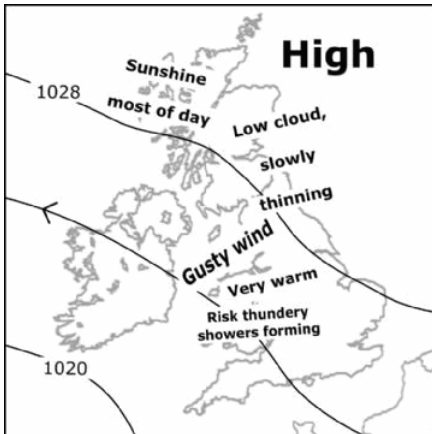
West Highlands

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 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 West Highlands

Sun best in west, warming up. Light wind, breezier coast.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 27 May, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly 10mph, or less at times inland. 15mph coastal hills and Isles, here tending to increase and feel gustier 20mph in afternoon-evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible away from the coast and islands where breeze will pick up through the day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain expected
Cloud on the hills?	Early local patchy cloud clearing Patchy mist or cloud around inland hills early morning, mainly Loch Lomond area, possible fog coastal areas near Clyde. Some higher tops start above cloud. Patches may linger in morning, but all lifting or dispersing with time.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Widespread sunshine, some areas of thin high cloud. Beware high UV and sunburn. Visibility very good away from early mist mainly southern areas.
How Cold? (at 900m)	7 to 10C at first, coolest if in cloud inland, lifting to 13 or 14C in afternoon.
Freezing Level	Well above the summits

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 28 May	Friday 29 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South or southeasterly 15-25mph, may start less inland, but likely strengthening to gusty 30-40mph, or stronger into night. Increasingly blustery, affecting ease of walking and balance on exposed terrain. Sudden strong gusts ahead of rain.	Southwesterly 30 to 40mph, risk 50mph at times higher tops in Ben Nevis group. Strenuous walking conditions, frequent buffeting affecting balance on some high tops, mainly north. Marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk thundery rain mainly later Possibly an odd burst of rain forming during middle of day as high cloud thickens from south. Greater risk later in day of sporadic thundery showers forming. Then later evening into night, areas of rain likely more widely.	Rain and showers Rain fairly persistent over Lochaber hills in the morning, tending to break up into showery rain and some drizzle on windward slopes toward coasts.
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any until late The mountains largely clear all day. Later if showers form, ragged patchy cloud around some hills. May then fill in more widely evening onward if rain develops.	Fairly extensive Shrouding many higher mountains all day, often extensive above 600-800m west of Loch Linnhe, at times coastal areas further south. Some breaks above 1000m inland.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun and high cloud, thin at first, but likely thickening from south to cover the sky. Visibility good, some haze.	A little sun well inland and south but largely cloudy. Visibility reduced in rain, otherwise good below cloud, but some haze.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	11C rising to 15C, locally warmer inland by afternoon. Feeling cooler in the wind nearer coasts. 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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