

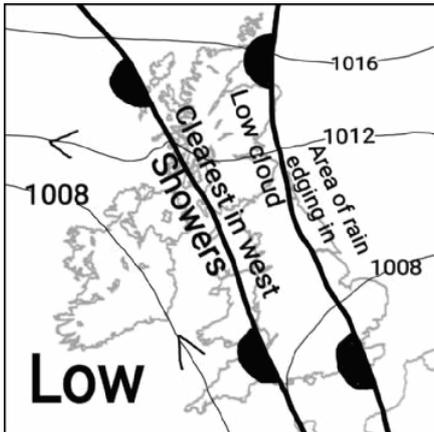
The Northwest Highlands

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, 1 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 1 May, 2024

East to southeast winds, mostly moderate in strength, will bring low cloud to eastern hills, but breaking up widely in the west with patchy sun. The legacy of a front will act as a focus for scattered heavy shower development, whilst an area of rain may spread in across parts of the east and Wales later in the day.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Mostly dry, but risk of isolated showers. Hills generally mostly clear. Patchy sun.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 1 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly between 10 and 20mph: generally strongest in the morning when risk 25 to 30mph at times.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery at times in the morning.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no rain One or two showers, but most areas dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Very little Many mountains clear, especially in the west. Some banks of low cloud may drift onto hills near to the North Sea.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Cloud layers thinning and breaking to give a patchwork of sun; sunniest toward the coast. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6C rising toward 11C
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 2 May	Friday 3 May
<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Easterly 25mph to suddenly gusty 40mph around some mountains, powerful gusts in passes and downslope to west.</p> <p>Locally very varied, but expect sudden buffeting making walking arduous in places not just on higher terrain.</p>	<p>Easterly 25 to 35mph</p> <p>Be prepared for fairly arduous conditions with considerable wind chill and buffeting.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Most places dry</p> <p>A little drizzle if in cloud on eastern hills.</p>	<p>Risk of scattered heavy showers</p> <p>Uncertainty: May well be dry most of the day, or in the west all of the day. Risk of a few heavy showers breaking out.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p>	<p>Mostly little</p> <p>Banks of cloud clinging to some slopes, mainly over eastern hills. Many west coast mountains likely clear.</p>	<p>Hills may be mostly clear. A few cloud banks.</p> <p>Hills may well be mostly clear, or in the west, completely clear through the day. Some cloud banks, mostly in the east, and also in and around showers elsewhere.</p>
<p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>70%</p>	<p>70%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Sun and thin high cloud. Very good visibility, but slight haze especially in east.</p>	<p>Cloud layers thinning to reveal sunshine, most widely near west coast. Visibility very good.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>7C in east, to locally above 10C in west. Feeling close to freezing directly in wind.</p> <p>Above the summits</p>	<p>8 to 10C</p> <p>Above the summits</p>

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 2 May, 2024

High pressure to the north and a slow-moving area of low pressure circulating to the south during midweek. Scattered showers possible for the Highlands, but a lot of dry weather - warmest and clearest in the west. Powerful easterly winds will be very gusty by Thursday into early Friday, especially Scotland and northern England, then easing. A front brings a risk of persistent rain for Wales on Thursday. Slow-moving weather patterns are likely to continue onward into the Bank Holiday weekend, giving considerable uncertainty of local day-to-day detail, but most likely the wind often light and fairly warm overall. A good amount of dry and bright weather, but risk of locally thundery showers forming.

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