

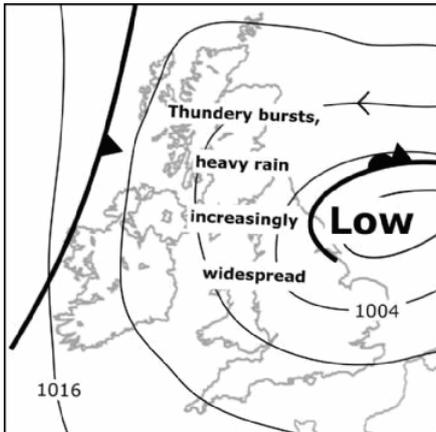
# The Northwest Highlands

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, 22 May, 2024



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 22 May, 2024

Low pressure drifting in from the east will bring scattered thundery bursts of rain, developing into increasingly widespread rain, sustained heavy rain setting in for eastern Scotland and Pennines. Cloud filling in across most hills and winds generally strengthening.

### Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Rain developing, locally thundery; low cloud, wind increasing.

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 22 May, 2024

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Morning: direction varied, widely less than 10mph. Afternoon onwards: Northerly, gradually strengthening to 25mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Negligible morning, by evening, impeding ease of walking on some higher areas.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Increasingly wet: Risk thunderstorms.</b> Morning: Bursts of heavy rain and thunderstorms developing, mainly western mountains. Afternoon onwards: Generally deteriorating as thundery rain becomes increasingly widespread.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Increasingly extensive on higher areas</b> 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.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	A little sun, mainly morning; overall increasingly dull. Excellent visibility but deteriorating markedly as rain develops.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	8C, but feeling closer to freezing on tops as wind strengthens.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits

## The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 23 May	Friday 24 May
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Northerly 30 to 45mph, in places gusts 60mph west coastal mountains.	Variable 10-15mph or less.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Significant wind chill and difficult walking where exposed on higher areas.</b>	<b>Mostly small</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain much of day</b> A broad swathe of rain (locally wet snow highest tops), fairly persistent all day, only slowly breaking up into showers.	<b>Local rain or showers</b> Patchy rain drifting around slowly from dawn into the morning. Local showery bursts forming, mostly inland areas by afternoon.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive low cloud</b>  Cloud blanketing the mountains very widely much of the day, only slowly lifting in places toward some upper slopes.	<b>Often covering tops</b>  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.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy or dull. Poor visibility in rain, local slow improvements.	Glimpses of sun, best sun near to coast later afternoon. Visibility good away from rain.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	2 to 5C. Wind chill feeling near -10C at times on highest summits.	4 to 6C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Generally above the summits, but may drop to 1050m occasionally.	Above the summits

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 23 May, 2024**

A slow-moving area of low pressure will leave areas of rain and showers later this week, plus varied banks of low cloud across the mountains, feeling cool. Improving at least temporarily into the weekend as pressure rises for a time, becoming warmer, but southerly winds will strengthen ahead of lowering pressure over the Atlantic, likely to move in by early next week to bring changeable conditions, rain at times, most frequent western Scotland.

**Forecast issued at 16:05 on Tuesday, 21 May, 2024**

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