

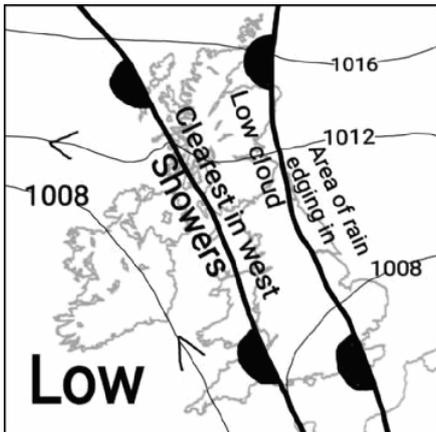
# West Highlands

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, 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 West Highlands

Risk of heavy showers breaking out. Hills generally mostly clear. Patchy sun.

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 1 May, 2024

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	East to southeasterly between 10 and 20mph: generally strongest in the morning and toward Arran.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Blustery at times in the morning.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>A little rain here and there. Risk heavier showers afternoon.</b> Rain and drizzle on and off before dawn will continue into the day in some areas, but through morning nearly all fizzle out. Scattered heavier showers afternoon.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>All or nearly all clearing</b> Extensive cloud across the hills from dawn: very varied cloud base, in places (most likely Arran and Loch Lomond NP) covering lowest slopes. Slowly the cloud will break up; by mid afternoon, nearly all summits cloud free.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20% rising to 80%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Cloud layers gradually thinning and breaking to give a patchwork of sun; sunniest toward the coast. Excellent visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	6C rising toward 10C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.

## West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 2 May	Friday 3 May
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Easterly 25mph to suddenly gusty 40-50mph around some mountains, powerful gusts in passes and downslope to <b>Locally very varied, but expect sudden buffeting making walking arduous in places not just on higher terrain.</b>	Easterly 15 to 30mph, strongest northern areas in the morning.  <b>Be prepared for very blustery conditions at times with marked wind chill and buffeting.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain unlikely</b> Most likely dry, small chance a shower.	<b>Risk of scattered heavy showers</b> 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.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Little if any</b>  Banks of cloud clinging to some slopes at times, greatest risk around Loch Lomond NP, but many areas largely clear all day.	<b>Hills may be mostly clear. A few cloud banks.</b>  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.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun and thin high cloud. Very good visibility, but slight haze toward central belt.	Cloud layers thinning to reveal sunshine, most widely near west coast. Visibility very good.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	8C to locally above 10C. Feeling close to freezing directly in wind.  Above the summits	8 to 10C  Above the summits

## 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.

### Forecast issued at 16:38 on Tuesday, 30 April, 2024

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