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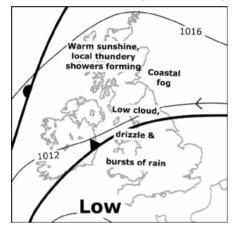
West Highlands

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 Friday, 17 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 17 May, 2024

Warm sunshine for the Highlands, early mist patches clearing, localised showers forming mainly western areas, risk isolated thunderstorms toward late afternoon into evening. England & Wales mostly cloudy with patchy rain in morning, then brighter skies with local showery bursts.

Headline for West Highlands

Warm sun. Risk afternoon heavy showers. Breezier south.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 17 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	East to northeasterly 10 to 20mph, strongest southern areas, in places gusty 25-30mph at times Loch Lomond to Arran.		
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small, but blustery around southern tops, may affect balance on exposed ridges.		
How wet?	Localised heavy showers later, possible thunder		
(Precipitation and its impact)	Scattered showers forming during the afternoon, locally heavy with risk isolated thunder and lightning.		
Cloud on the hills?	Hills mostly clear		
	In most areas the hills free of cloud. Risk of local patches drifting onto hills near Loch Lomond and Arran occasionally. Local fragments forming around showers.		
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70% south, above 90% many areas.		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Often clear skies before noon, increasing cloudiness in the afternoon in most areas. Visibility very good.		
How Cold? (at 900m)	10 to 13C, staying coolest on Arran. Feeling like below 5C if exposed to wind in south.		
Freezing Level	Above the summits.		

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West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 18 May	Sunday 19 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Variable or northerly, 5 to 15mph, for a time windless inland areas. May reach 20mph on islands and nearest coast. Mostly small	Variable or easterly, 5 to 15mph. Small
How wet?	Risk isolated showers later	Largely dry
(Precipitation and its impact)	Risk of one or two showers forming during the afternoon, mainly inland, chance of an isolated heavy burst later.	Chance of an isolated afternoon shower mostly inland areas.
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any	Mostly little
	Possible low-level fog banks near to coasts and some sea lochs for a time. Brief fragments around some upper slopes, but cloud mostly above the tops.	Patchy cloud around some upper slopes and fog in some glens around dawn, but dispersing to leave the mountains mostly clear.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	90%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine best in morning, cloud bubbling up, locally filling in inland afternoon. Local mist at first, may leave slight haze, but visibility mostly good.	Broken cloud and sun. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	10 to 14C, warmest inland areas by afternoon. Feeling nearer 5C in breeze near coast.	7 to 10C, locally warmer by afternoon.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 18 May, 2024

Pressure will be fairly high this weekend into early next week. Mostly dry and quite warm for many places, but feeling cooler toward the north and east for a few days as air circulates around from the north. Easterly breezes remain the most common. Low cloud affecting eastern hills at times, western mountains more often clear. Localised showers forming in the afternoons, chance of an isolated heavy or thundery burst. Risk of more widespread rain developing by midweek with lower pressure likely, but much uncertainty about the position of developing weather systems by this stage.

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