

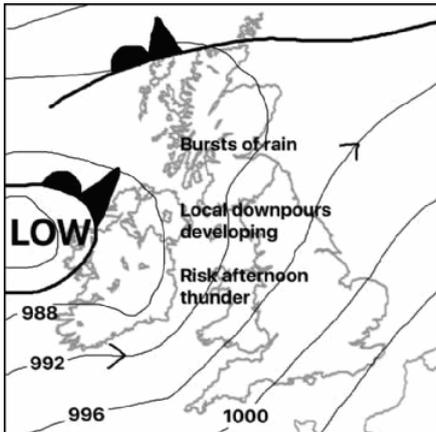
The Northwest Highlands

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 Monday, 10 May, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 10 May, 2021

Many areas dry from dawn, but patches of rain affecting some western hills, mainly near coast. Showers will develop more widely from mid morning with some torrential downpours forming in the afternoon with the risk of hail and thunder. Banks of hill fog in and around showers. Risk gales highest tops in Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Mostly dry start, but showers developing; local downpours PM with thunder.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 10 May, 2021

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeast or variable, may become southerly later; 15-20mph or often less some hills.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small, but expect sudden gusts during or prior to heavy showers.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Downpours forming; hail, risk lightning A few showers from dawn, mainly near west coast, but bursts of rain developing increasingly, may set in for an hour or more in places. Locally torrential bursts with hail. Risk of thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly around showers Varied cloud bases, sometimes clearing most summits, but banks of cloud at times above 800m and forming below 600m in showers. On/near Skye may fill in for lengthier periods on higher slopes.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun, but cloud filling in for periods. Visibility often very good, but suddenly very poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C, locally 5C Sutherland.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 11 May	Wednesday 12 May
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly/southeasterly; 25 to 35mph from dawn, easing to 10-15mph by afternoon.	Easterly 20 to 30mph, risk 35mph tops at times.
Effect of wind on you?	Will impede walking for a few hours from dawn with some buffeting, but then becoming small.	Walking fairly arduous across higher slopes with considerable buffeting at times.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers; particularly in west. Clusters of showers; concentrated western coastal hills in the morning, but may develop inland at times. Snow tops in morning.	Clusters of showers, risk thunder PM. Clusters of showers through the day; may merge to give prolonged rain for a few hours. By afternoon risk of some heavy pulses with hail and thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Often confined to high tops or above. Generally elevated cloud bases through the day; tops often clear although will form across higher slopes in and around showers; especially in morning west coast.	Fairly extensive higher tops. Varying in and out of showers; will often cover higher tops with bases fluctuating around 1000-1300m, but patches lowering in showers to 700m or below.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun, but cloud often filling in. Visibility often very good, but poor in showers.	Fairly cloudy, but occasional bursts of sun here and there. Visibility at times very good, but often suppressed due to rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	2C lifting to 6C by the afternoon.	3 to 5C; coldest in morning.
Freezing Level	1100m at first, but soon lifting above the tops.	Close to highest tops in morning, otherwise above summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 11 May, 2021**

Low pressure situated to the west of Britain brings unsettled and showery conditions next week, some heavy downpours with hail and thunder. Varied winds. Generally milder than recently; only close to freezing point on highest Scottish summits, a thaw of lying snow, becoming confined to patches on high tops. Northernmost mountains may drop colder after midweek if a northeasterly wind strengthens. Toward next weekend, high pressure building toward the north is likely to bring drier conditions for a time to west & northern Scotland; uncertainty about extent of improvement elsewhere.

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