

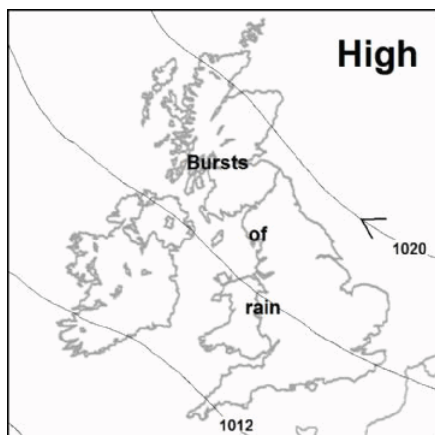
The Northwest Highlands

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 Sunday, 15 May, 2022



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 May, 2022

Showery bursts of rain will drift gradually northwards over Britain - very hit and miss in nature, some places seeing rain for an hour or more, other areas staying dry. Northern Scotland escaping driest for longest. Gusty southeasterly winds, tending to strengthen across the Highlands through the day. Fairly warm, quite humid.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Mostly dry, hills free of cloud. Gusty wind developing.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 15 May, 2022

How windy? (On the Munros)	South then southeasterly, increasing 5 to 15mph, later 20 or gusty 25mph in places.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small. Later increasingly blustery on higher areas, gusty to some lower slopes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Chance of a late shower Most or all day dry. From late afternoon, risk of isolated showers drifting up from the south, mainly around Kintail, perhaps reaching areas around Skye.
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any Local pockets of mist some glens or lower slopes early morning, soon dispersing. Then rare if any fragments on higher areas.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun in and out, sometimes weak due to high cloud. Very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	8C, rising marginally to 10 or 11C some western hills by afternoon.
Freezing Level	Above summits

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 16 May	Tuesday 17 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southeasterly, 20 to 40mph, speeds may vary through the day, probably least wind into the evening. Beware of changing conditions, sometimes small, but risk of considerable buffeting and sudden powerful gusts.	South to southeasterly 25 to 40mph, risk 50mph and stronger gusts on and near Skye. Arduous walking conditions focused on western coastal mountains, powerful gusts around exposed tops and ridges.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain may become persistent from south Pulses of rain spreading from the south, although several hours likely to remain mainly dry, especially northern areas in the morning. Risk of rain becoming more widespread with time, sometimes heavy.	Showery rain on and off Timing uncertain, but expect rain from time to time, some showery bursts mixed in. May clear to just scattered showers later in the day.
Cloud on the hills?	Becoming extensive in rain A few ragged banks of cloud in the morning, but some hills clear for a few hours ahead of rain. During and following rain, cloud then forming widely, patches to some lower slopes.	Covering tops at times in west Cloud bases well elevated, but banks of cloud forming across the tops around rain, particularly west coastal areas around Skye. May largely break up in afternoon apart from patches on some tops.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60% dropping to 20%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Early sun soon weak as high cloud builds, becoming mostly overcast. Visibility good prior to rain, then dull or murky.	Occasional sun, mainly northern areas. Visibility often good, but reduced around rain, quite hazy in west.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5 to 9C, coolest eastern hills and if in fog. Above summits	4 to 6C Above summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 16 May, 2022**

South to southwesterly winds will prevail early in the new week, bringing some spells of rain or showers, including a risk of thundery bursts in places. Wind speeds varied, sometimes reaching gale force on the tops. Rain and low cloud becoming focused on western mountains in Scotland as the week progresses, with generally westerly winds from midweek, feeling quite cool on the mountains. Higher pressure building across England and Wales should bring fewer showers and some warmer, sunnier periods. High pressure may then expand further north over Britain into next weekend.

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