

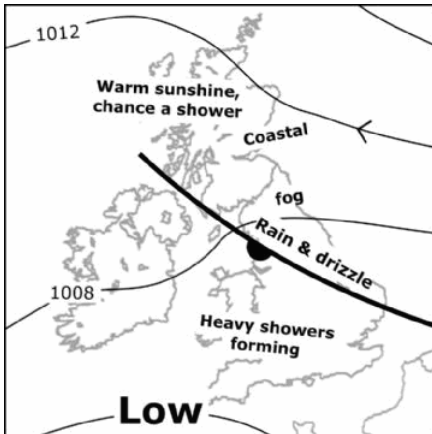
The Northwest Highlands

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 Thursday, 16 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 May, 2024

Dry for much of the Highlands, but chance of localised afternoon showers in the west. Early areas of low cloud mainly central and east areas lifting. An increasing easterly breeze. Patchy rain northern England, heavier rain setting in for southern Pennines, later north Wales. Localised thundery downpours south Wales.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Localised heavy showers afternoon. Breezy in north.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 16 May, 2024

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>East or southeasterly, often 10-15mph or less on west coastal mountains on/near Skye, tending to increase a little toward evening to 20mph. Tops in Sutherland typically 20 to 30mph, strongest Ben Hope.</p> <p>Mostly small, but locally blustery across northern mountains.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Isolated heavy showers afternoon</p> <p>A little drizzle or brief spots from high cloud in the morning. Risk of local heavy showers forming, mainly later afternoon in areas from Great Glen to Skye; chance of a very isolated thunderstorm.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Mostly very little, early fog in east</p> <p>Fog banks mainly on hills near to North Sea in the morning, thinning back toward the coast, largely dispersing into the afternoon. Occasional patches on highest tops. Further west, brief fragments mostly in the morning.</p> <p>70%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Sunshine and thin high cloud, local cloud building up afternoon. Visibility mostly good, locally misty in east for a time.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>10 to 13C, warmest most widely into the afternoon. If exposed to stronger breezes in north feeling near 5C.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 17 May	Saturday 18 May
<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>East or southeasterly 10 to 20mph, becoming variable and low speeds inland areas. Later northerly near west coast.</p> <p>Fairly small.</p>	<p>Variable or northerly, may turn westerly later; 5 to 15mph, may reach 20mph some coastal ridges in west.</p> <p>Mostly small</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Risk of local showers late afternoon</p> <p>Most of the day dry, only late afternoon showers possible in the inland mountains toward Glen Shiel and Great Glen.</p>	<p>Little or no rain</p> <p>Chance of a little rain on northern summits, mostly spots from high cloud. Low risk of an isolated shower forming inland toward Great Glen later afternoon.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Mostly clear, local fog near coast</p> <p>In most areas cloud free tops, cloud patches building up on the north coast in the afternoon. Some fog may drift onto lower west coastal slopes north of Torridon.</p> <p>80%</p>	<p>Local banks of cloud</p> <p>Banks of cloud may cover coastal summits in the west and north for periods, some possible low-level fog banks around coasts. Inland toward Great Glen most cloud above hills.</p> <p>70%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Often clear skies before noon, increasing cloudiness in the afternoon in most areas. Visibility very good.</p>	<p>Variable cloud and sunshine. Visibility mostly good, some misty areas mainly in the morning.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>10 to 12C.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>	<p>5C around Ben Hope, to 7C Skye, up to 10C locally inland around Glen Shiel. Feeling near freezing in stronger breeze. Above the summits.</p>

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 17 May, 2024

Slack pressure patterns continue to drift around slowly. Plenty of dry and fairly warm weather, although feeling cooler toward the north and east this weekend and early next week. East or southeasterly breezes most common. Localised showers forming in the afternoons, chance of an isolated heavy or thundery burst. Low cloud affecting eastern hills at times, western mountains more often clear.

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