

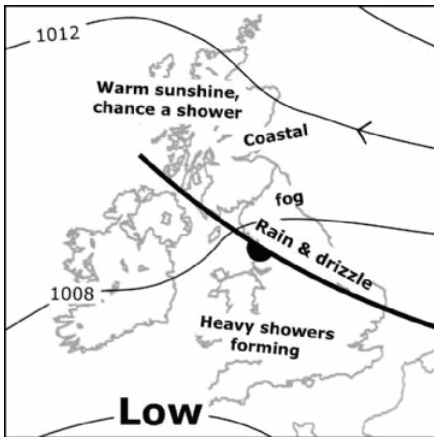
West Highlands

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 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 West Highlands

Chance a shower. Low cloud south morning. Becoming breezier.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 16 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly, mostly 10-15mph or less, tending to strengthen a little during day to 20mph, or 25mph later in south.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly very small, but becoming breezier; later in day more blustery where exposed on southern mountains.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy drizzle, risk a local shower A little drizzly rain possible around Loch Lomond in the morning. Risk of an isolated heavy shower mainly later afternoon in areas from Ben Nevis range west/northwestwards.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly high tops, more banks in south Banks of low cloud covering hills near Loch Lomond for a few hours in the morning, then patches may come and go on high tops. Elsewhere, patchy cloud on higher slopes in morning mostly lifting, returning if a shower forms.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Varied cloud and occasional sun. Visibility mostly good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	8 to 10C in morning, coolest if in cloud, rising to 11 to 13C, locally warmer west of Ben Nevis range.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 17 May	Saturday 18 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Mostly easterly 10 to 25mph Lochaber. Reaching 30mph south of Mull, risk gusts 40mph at times on and near Arran. Fairly small in most areas, but walking and balance impeded on exposed higher terrain in the south.	Variable or northerly, 5 to 15mph, may reach 20mph on islands and nearest coast. Mostly small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk of local showers late afternoon Most of the day dry, only late afternoon showers possible in the inland mountains near and north of Fort William.	Risk isolated showers later Risk of one or two showers forming during the afternoon, mainly inland, chance of an isolated heavy burst later.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Hills mostly clear In most areas cloud free tops, little chance of lower cloud banks around Loch Lomond in the afternoon. 90%	Mostly very 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. 80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Often clear skies before noon, increasing cloudiness in the afternoon in most areas. Visibility very good.	Sunshine best in morning, cloud bubbling up, locally filling in inland afternoon. Visibility very good, local mist at first.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	9 to 12C, coldest in the south, wind chill feeling close to freezing here. Above the summits.	8C Mull and nearby coast, up to 11C many inland areas, locally warmer afternoon. Feeling like 2 to 4C in stronger breeze. Above the summits.

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.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Wednesday, 15 May, 2024

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