

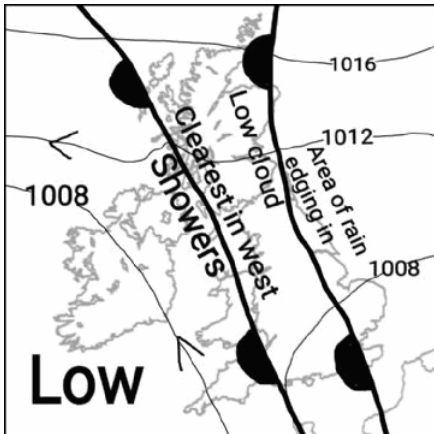
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Cairngorms National Park and Monadhliath. Also includes the Ben Alder area hills between Loch Ericht and Loch Laggan.



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General Summary for Wednesday, 1 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 1 May, 2024

East to southeast winds, mostly moderate in strength, will bring low cloud to eastern hills, but breaking up widely in the west with patchy sun. The legacy of a front will act as a focus for scattered heavy shower development, whilst an area of rain may spread in across parts of the east and Wales later in the day.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Low cloud, focused in east. Risk of an area of showery rain moving in from east.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 1 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	East to southeasterly between 10 and 20mph: generally strongest in the morning.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery at times in the morning.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Often dry, risk showery rain edging in. Risk of one or two showers, but most or all areas dry in morning and into early afternoon. Risk
Cloud on the hills?	Breaking west, may persist east From dawn very varied cloud base, in places covering lowest slopes (sometimes higher slopes between cloud layers). Slowly the cloud will break up, especially in west. Low cloud may persist areas near Deeside.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% east, rising to 70% near/west of A9.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Cloud layers gradually thinning and breaking to give a patchwork of sun. Excellent visibility near Strathspey, but mistier over eastern hills.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6C rising toward 10C
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 2 May	Friday 3 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Easterly 25mph to suddenly gusty 40mph around some mountains, powerful gusts in passes and downslope to west. Locally very varied, but expect sudden buffeting making walking arduous in places not just on higher terrain.	Easterly 15 to 30mph, strongest northern areas in the morning. Be prepared for very blustery conditions at times with marked wind chill and buffeting.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Most places dry A little drizzle if in cloud on eastern hills.	Risk of scattered heavy showers Uncertainty: May well be dry most of the day or in some areas all day. Risk of a few heavy showers breaking out.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly little, local low cloud east Banks of cloud clinging to some slopes, mainly across eastern areas, may locally persist. Clearer toward and west of A9.	Banks of cloud, best breaks in the west. Banks of cloud will be focused across eastern areas, where they will tend to lift and break as day wears on. Best clearances will be hills west of the A9.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%	30% in the east, 60% in the west.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun and thin high cloud. Very good visibility, but hazier toward east.	Overcast at times, but cloud thinning to reveal some patches of sunshine. Visibility good or very good.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	7C in east, to locally 10C near A9. Feeling close to freezing directly in wind. Above the summits	6 to 8C, highest in the west. Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 2 May, 2024

High pressure to the north and a slow-moving area of low pressure circulating to the south during midweek. Scattered showers possible for the Highlands, but a lot of dry weather - warmest and clearest in the west. Powerful easterly winds will be very gusty by Thursday into early Friday, especially Scotland and northern England, then easing. A front brings a risk of persistent rain for Wales on Thursday. Slow-moving weather patterns are likely to continue onward into the Bank Holiday weekend, giving considerable uncertainty of local day-to-day detail, but most likely the wind often light and fairly warm overall. A good amount of dry and bright weather, but risk of locally thundery showers forming.

Forecast issued at 16:37 on Tuesday, 30 April, 2024

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