

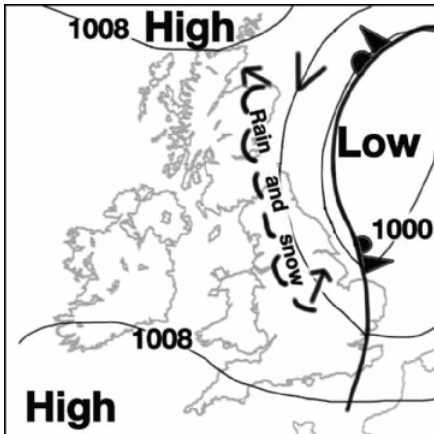
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Sunday, 28 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 28 April, 2024

Extensive precipitation (of snow high areas) will move northwards across eastern and central Britain (exact western edge uncertain), but will also pivot so as to clear eastwards across England whilst advancing westward across northern Scotland. Extensively dry with very clear air further west.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Snow slowly enveloping mostly eastern mountains afternoon

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 28 April, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Light with variable direction most or all morning. Then northeasterly 15 to perhaps east of Braemar 25mph, possibly 30mp.
Effect of wind on you?	Risk comfort of walking beginning to be impacted through afternoon mainly east of Braemar.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow eastern hills afternoon onwards. Largely dry or completely morning. Through afternoon increasing threat of snow edging inland from the east coast through afternoon or evening: highest risk east of Braemar to Lecht. Precipitation unlikely west of A9.
Cloud on the hills?	Many summits cloud free; before forming extensively in precipitation Patches of cloud some higher slopes until mid morning then mostly or all clearing. Where precipitation arrives, so cloud will fill in across higher areas, areas east of Braemar and Lecht area most at risk - here cloud may shroud lower slopes.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%, but dropping through afternoon to 10% northeastern Cairngorms NP
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine will give way as cloud layers thicken. Excellent or superb visibility, but very poor or appalling where snow sets in.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C after dawn but rising to 3C afternoon. Will drop back to 0 or -1C in snow.
Freezing Level	Widely near or below freezing valleys up at dawn. By late morning, tops above freezing point, but abruptly 800m in snow.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Monday 29 April	Tuesday 30 April
How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southeasterly between 10 and 20mph.	Southeasterly 20mph, perhaps 30 or 35mph east of Braemar for periods.
Effect of wind on you?	Small	May impede ease of walking on some higher areas, particularly easternmost summits.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no rain Substantially dry although slowly from the south, risk of a few bursts of rain, or initially above 750m snow, most likely west of the A9.	Little if any rain Risk of isolated showers
Cloud on the hills?	Hills extensively free of cloud Monadhliath east to Cairngorms and Lochnagar: Summits extensively cloud free, although later higher tops may become covered. West from southern summits in Cairngorms NP: cloud extensive above 600 to 900m, perhaps patches nearer 450m	Little if any by late morning Patches on higher slopes, mainly southern Cairngorms NP will all or nearly all clear the summits by late morning
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patches of sun at first tending to give way as cloud layers thicken. Excellent visibility.	Patches of sun, often through layers of high level cloud. Very good or excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C rising to 4C	4 rising to 9C
Freezing Level	750m, gradually lifting above the summits from the south. Frost in many valleys post dawn.	Above the summits,

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 29 April, 2024

Much less cold next week with freezing levels above the mountains. Rain from time to time, particularly Wales - some of the rain heavy and thundery in character. Wind direction predominantly easterly, resulting in frequent low cloud on more eastern mountains, with highest cloud base often near the west coast.

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