

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

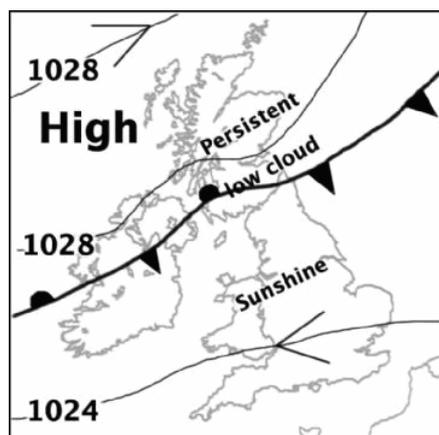
Cairngorms National Park and Monadhliath. Also includes the Ben Alder area hills between Loch Ericht and Loch Laggan.



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General Summary for Thursday, 26 March, 2020



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 26 March, 2020

Light wind. The remnants of a front across southern and central Scotland will bring a blanket of low cloud and here and there light rain (snow some higher tops). Clear air to the north (NW Highlands), but higher areas sub-freezing. Extensive sunshine England and Wales.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Little wind; pockets of drizzly rain, snow higher up. Persistent fog.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 26 March, 2020

How windy? (On the Munros)	Direction variable 10mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy drizzle; sleet/snow higher tops Many areas dry, but a few patches of drizzly rain or snow flurries higher tops will drift about only slowly - locally giving an hour or two of light precipitation. The precipitation most likely from Ben Alder to southern Cairngorms NP.
Cloud on the hills?	Persisting on many hills all day Blanket of low cloud, in places forming on lower slopes, and the fog widespread above 700m may well persist all day. There may be a few breaks to higher slopes particularly Monadhliath and N Cairngorms. The fog may well be most persistent Ben Alder and southern summits in Cairngorms
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine rarely coming through. Generally very hazy, although perhaps excellent visibility Monadhliath to N Cairngorms NP.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1 to 3C.
Freezing Level	Generally just above freezing to higher slopes; may drop to 1050m west of the A9.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Friday 27 March	Saturday 28 March
How windy? (On the Munros)	Direction variable, may become mostly northeasterly, 10mph or less.	Northerly 25 to across eastern Cairngorms NP 30mph
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly negligible	Likely to impede ease of walking on higher areas, particularly Cairngorms and Deeside.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patches of light precipitation Light rain and drizzle here and there, although snow above about 800m, total precipitation negligible.	Isolated flurries A few brief flurries of hail, mainly morning Cairngorms and Deeside.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive Detail uncertain: Very likely extensive low cloud persisting well into the day, perhaps most of the day, typical base 500 to 750m. There may be a trend for the low cloud to break up from the north.	Very little Fragments will shroud higher slopes, particularly Cairngorms and Lochnagar for several hours after dawn before all cloud lifts above the summits.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine. Visibility varied; it may well remain extensively hazy, although the visibility may well become excellent from the north.	Patchwork of bright sunshine; most cloud Monadhliath to N Cairngorms and Lochnagar. Excellent or superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 or 1C.	-4C. Will rise a couple of degrees, particularly Ben Alder and southern Cairngorms NP through the day.
Freezing Level	900-1000m.	400m or lower at dawn with frost extensive in valleys. Will rise a few hundred metres, particularly sunlit slopes.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 27 March, 2020**

Frequently cold over the next week, leaving higher terrain frozen. A little snow, mainly N/NE Scotland, but with pressure high centred just west of Britain, total precipitation small.

Scottish MR Note: Scot Gov has stated that "essential travel only must be undertaken" in order to protect our rural communities and prevent extra pressure on our Emergency Services. Now is the time to avoid unnecessary mountain activities and consider our social responsibilities. More info, visit: <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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