

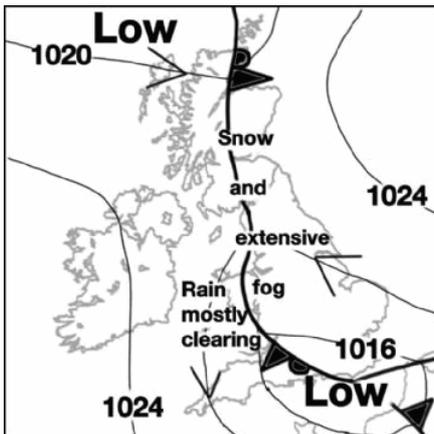
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 14 January, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 January, 2021

Extensive snow along the spine of Britain will only slowly ease or fizzle out from the north. In Wales, mostly rain confined to morning. Almost blanket fog most mountains, although a slow improvement westernmost areas. Upland wind near gale force Wales.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Snow slowly fizzling out. Extensive fog.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 14 January, 2021

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly veering westerly, up to 30mph after dawn; easing to 15mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Becoming small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow slowly fizzling out Overnight precipitation will by or soon after dawn have turned to snow from valleys up. Will slowly fizzle out from west, but pockets of snow will persist all day.
Cloud on the hills?	Very extensive and low Fog in many areas from lowest slopes up much of the day, although will tend to improve as a few breaks develop to or above 700m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Less than 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine unlikely. Visibility extensively poor or very poor.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C; little fall in temperature with height.
Freezing Level	More or less valley level - with mountains terrain partly frozen and in places very icy indeed.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Friday 15 January	Saturday 16 January
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Little wind morning. Becoming southerly 15 to 20mph, perhaps later 25-30mph. Negligible, but later in day may give local buffeting and marked wind chill.	South veering westerly, typically 40 to 50mph. There may be a temporary lull. Walking often difficult where exposed and wind chill significant.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation not expected	Rain, mainly morning Overnight rain, in places snow, will clear, probably during morning. Then showers, particularly west of A9. Level to which snow penetrates very varied, in places reaching lower slopes.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Summits extensively cloud free Here and there patches of cloud on higher slopes, but overall the hills free of cloud - whilst ribbons of fog persist in some glens. 70%	Extensive on higher areas Cloud base will vary; initially may be confined to highest areas N Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath. As winds turn westerly, so cloud base will become typically 700 to 900m, but lower near precipitation. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensive bright sun. Excellent or superb visibility although fog some valleys.	Occasional sun developing. Frequently hazy, and visibility poor in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	0C. Most terrain at least partly frozen. However, freezing level will vary: some daylight thawing in places to the highest tops.	Between -1 and 1C. Very varied: Typically 1300m dropping toward 900m - but there may be pockets that are sub-freezing/icy at or below 600m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 15 January, 2021**

Further bands of rain will come in off the Atlantic over the next week, turning to snow on the mountains. However, there will also be some dry days with well broken cloud. In Scotland, the Munros will remain almost persistently sub-freezing, whilst further south, temperatures on higher summits will fluctuate with side of freezing point.

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