

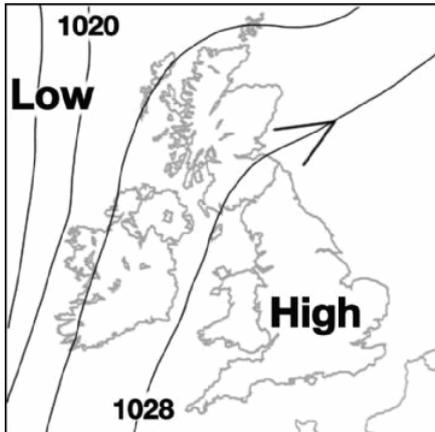
# Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Friday, 15 January, 2021



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 15 January, 2021

A very transient ridge of high pressure will bring a fine day with sunshine on the hills. Fog and murk will persist many lower areas. Much mountain terrain frozen; and in some areas very icy (after the recent mix of snow and rain in sub-freezing temperatures).

#### Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Terrain frozen. Sunshine. Wind strengthening afternoon.

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 15 January, 2021

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Little wind morning. Then southerly 15 to 20mph, perhaps by dusk 25-30mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Negligible, but later in day may give local buffeting and marked wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Precipitation not expected</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Summits extensively cloud free</b>  Here and there patches of cloud lingering on higher slopes, particularly in corries, but overall the hills free of cloud - whilst ribbons of fog persist in some glens.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensive bright sun - but high level cloud will thicken in the afternoon. The air very clear indeed on the mountains.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-1C. Note little variation in temperature with height.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Poorly defined: by midday 300 to 900m. Much terrain frozen although some daylight thawing mainly sunlit slopes.

## Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	<b>Saturday 16 January</b>	<b>Sunday 17 January</b>
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	South veering westerly, typically 40 to occasionally 50mph. There may be a temporary lull. <b>Walking often difficult where exposed and wind chill significant.</b>	Westerly 30 to 35mph, may strengthen to 40mph afternoon. <b>Increasingly significant buffeting and wind chill where exposed on higher areas.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Occasional rain</b> Overnight snow, (sleet some lowest slopes), will ease after dawn. Then snow showers, perhaps very frequent for an hour or two, particularly west of A9.	<b>Snow, may become frequent later</b> Occasional snow and hail showers, although mostly rain lowest slopes. Few showers eastern Cairngorms NP. Moderate to high threat of a deterioration to frequent precipitation into afternoon.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive across the mountains</b>  Some higher areas N Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath could start cloud free. Otherwise, blanket of low cloud, base typically 600 to locally 900m, but patches below 500m in rain.	<b>Extensive across higher areas</b>  Cloud base will vary, typically 750 to 950m generally highest eastern Cairngorms NP. Near precipitation will deteriorate with areas of cloud above 650m, temporarily 500m.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun developing, most likely Deeside. Frequently hazy, and visibility poor in precipitation.	Occasional sun, mainly Deeside morning. Varied visibility; slight haze at best and very poor in snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	-1C.  300 to 700m - freezing level poorly defined, only small temperature change with height.	-1C  800m

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 16 January, 2021**

Precipitation will fall at some stage most days over the next week or more; mostly falling as snow. In Scotland, the Munros will remain almost persistently sub-freezing, whilst further south, temperatures on higher summits will fluctuate either side of freezing point.

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