

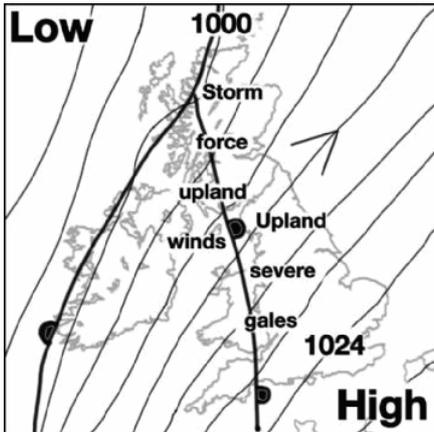
# Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Tuesday, 23 February, 2021



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 23 February, 2021**

Active fronts edging east across Britain will bring widespread severe conditions: Storm force upland winds and incessantly heavy rain (initially snow Scottish Highlands) to most western mountains. Conditions a little less severe E/S Wales and S Pennines, where little rain but gales still severe.

### Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Storm force upland winds; snow then rain.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 23 February, 2021

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southerly, 50 to 80mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Rapid increase of speed with height will make mobility very difficult or tortuous where exposed on higher terrain. Even on lower terrain ferocious gusts may blow you over. Severe wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Soon wet; heavy southern Cairngorms NP and Ben Alder</b> Soon deteriorating as rain extends eastwards; frequently heavy or torrential Ben Alder east to summits north of Glen Garry. Snow above 600m, turning to rain middle of day.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Becoming very extensive</b> Soon deteriorating as cloud envelops higher areas, the lowest base toward the south. Ben Alder and summits north of Glen Garry: cloud base becoming 500 to 850m. Elsewhere: only fragments below 800m, and often confined above 1050m.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	A few pockets of weak sun Deeside and Strath Spey. Widely poor visibility, but often good Monadhliath to N Cairngorms and Deeside.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-1C rising to 3C. Will feel as cold as minus 16 Celsius directly in the wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	600 to 800m morning, but will rise above all summits.

## Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 24 February	Thursday 25 February
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southwesterly mostly 40mph, but risk 50mph Cairngorm plateau.	Southwest to westerly 40mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking widely difficult on higher areas and wind chill significant.</b>	<b>Walking widely arduous on higher areas, and in places difficult.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Isolated showers</b> Isolated if any showers, of snow above 1000m.	<b>Occasional snow and hail showers</b> From late morning, occasional mostly brief showers: hail and above 500m snow.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Confined to higher tops</b>  Cloud base by late morning typically 800-1000m Ben Alder to southern summits in Cairngorms NP to 1100m or sometimes above for Deeside to northern Cairngorms and Monadhliath.	<b>Confined to higher tops</b>  Cloud base will change as showers come and go. Typically, cloud rare below 600m and general cloud base 1000m. On eastern areas of Cairngorms NP, most cloud above 1000m with breaks to highest tops.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Patches of sunshine, mainly lower slopes Deeside west to the Monadhliath. Very good or excellent visibility.	Patchwork of sunshine, most extensive eastern Cairngorms NP. Excellent visibility, but temporarily poor in snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	2C	0C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	1300m or above	900m

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 24 February, 2021**

Very much drier later this week as pressure rises markedly, initially across southern Britain. Fronts may bring occasional rain, mainly to the NW highlands (where also windy) until the weekend, but then all areas will probably become dry - and the wind dropping. Temperature wise, the Scottish Munros frequently sub-freezing, but summits elsewhere mostly above freezing point.

**Forecast issued at 14:50 on Monday, 22 February, 2021**

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