

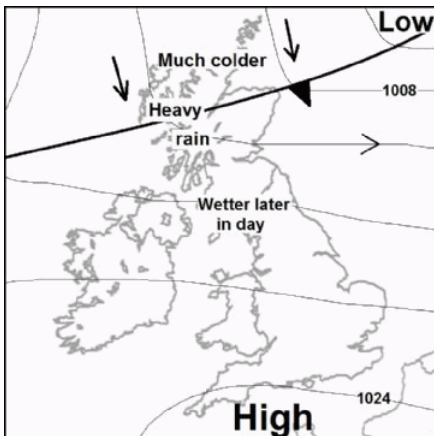
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 October, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 October, 2021

Windy, upland gales for Scotland & northern England. Rain for much of Scotland, heaviest in the west. Behind a cold front, the Munros will drop to freezing - showers of snow on northern tops later. Drizzly rain on western hills in England & Wales, wetter later for the Lakes.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Rain at times. Upland gales. Colder by evening.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 14 October, 2021

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 35 to 50mph much of day. Starting to ease later afternoon, veering northerly 25mph up to dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	Be prepared for arduous or difficult conditions for much of the day with significant wind chill and buffeting.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Periods of rain, later clearing. Periods of rain for several hours will give way later to a spell of heavier rain as a front moves south. This front will clear to toward evening with showers following, snow on Munros.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive across higher slopes Cloud will cover the higher slopes extensively for much of the day, lowest bases near/west of the A9, below 700m in rain. Mostly above 900m further east. Bases lifting and breaking into the evening.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy. Visibility sometimes poor due to rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	7C, lowering to 3C by evening, then 0C overnight. Wind chill feeling close to -5C during day where exposed on tops, later nearer -10C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, then lowering during afternoon, to 1100m by dusk, 900m after dark.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Friday 15 October	Saturday 16 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West to northwest 10 to 15mph. Mostly negligible	Southwest turning southerly, 15 to 20mph northern tops at dawn, soon mainly 10-15mph or less; possibly 25mph by dusk. Mostly small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No precipitation expected	Rain unlikely most or all day Risk toward evening of a little patchy rain moving in from the southwest.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Mostly very little Generally well broken cloud bases with hills mostly clear. Just the odd patch now and again drifting around the tops. 80%	Mostly very little Some patchy mist in glens from dawn and banks of cloud covering some higher tops for a time, but many hills should be often clear. 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly sunny, although cloud may increase in afternoon. Visibility excellent.	Occasional sun, mainly in the morning. Cloud tending to fill in through day. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	0 to 2C 900-1100m, but also frost in glens and some corries early in morning.	Starting around 0C, rising slowly from south toward 5C, perhaps even slightly higher into evening and night. From dawn, close to freezing point above 900-1100m, also frost in many glens. Will gradually rise above freezing all levels.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 15 October, 2021

Chilly Friday into Saturday, near or below freezing on higher Scottish tops, plus frost in many northern valleys. Milder air returns from the southwest over the weekend, with some rain, although a fair amount of dry weather too. Next week looks generally unsettled as southwesterly winds prevail and a series of fronts come in from the Atlantic. Often windy, periods of gales or severe gales on the mountains. Rain heaviest and most persistent in western areas. Mild early in the week, then colder air is likely to return from the northwest later in the week - temperatures falling back to freezing on high tops with showers of snow. Changeable conditions are expected to continue into late October.

Forecast issued at 16:29 on Wednesday, 13 October, 2021

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