

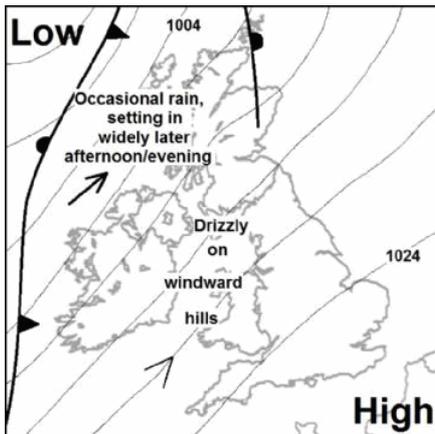
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Saturday, 23 October, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 October, 2021

Increasingly very windy, gales developing on most tops, severe gales higher mountains in Scotland. Drizzly rain on most southwest facing hills, plus steadier rain setting in for western Scotland afternoon onward. Milder, above freezing up to highest summits.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Upland gales, becoming severe on tops. Mainly dry.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 23 October, 2021

How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southwesterly 25mph from dawn, but strengthening toward 40mph during morning, reaching 50mph Cairngorm plateau, risk gusts 60mph in places on higher tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Increasingly arduous conditions through the morning, becoming difficult on higher terrain, powerful gusts in places downslope into northern corries.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Mostly dry, then rain into evening Perhaps an isolated shower, but much of the day dry. Into the evening, rain is likely to spill in from the west, becoming heaviest around Ben Alder and Drumochter.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly clear, but lowering by evening Many hills often clear through the day, although a few patches here and there on some tops. Breaks best northern Cairngorms. Later in the day in rain, lowering more widely onto hills from the southwest.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patches of sun. Visibility good or very good, late on lowering in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3 lifting to 6C. Wind chill where exposed feels like -5C, perhaps colder in strongest winds on high tops.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 24 October	Monday 25 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South to southwesterly, risk around dawn 50 to 65mph for a few hours, then likely to lessen to between 25 and 40mph. Risk of difficult conditions and powerful gusts into corries at first, abating somewhat, but remaining blustery.	Southwesterly 25 to 35mph. Frequent buffeting and significant wind chill where exposed on higher terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Early rain fades, possible showers Overnight rain focused on southern Cairngorms NP may persist for a few hours from dawn. This tending to break up, a few hours may be dry, then a risk of showers returning from the southwest.	Occasional showers Showery precipitation coming in from the west, sleet on the Munros, snow higher tops, occasional hail. Sometimes frequent over an hour or more near/west of the A9. Often drier toward Deeside.
Cloud on the hills?	Breaking toward higher tops Cloud covering many higher tops in the morning, below 900m for a time southern Cairngorms NP. Cloud bases will likely rise toward higher summits with breaks forming, best in northern areas.	Breaks to higher tops Most cloud above 900 to 1000m, lowering locally where showers occur. Often lifting toward higher slopes, breaks to 1200m or above best over the northern Cairngorms.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% rising to 70%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun developing, best north of the Cairngorms. Visibility good below cloud.	Glimpses of sun, most frequent toward northeast Cairngorms. Visibility very good below cloud and away from showers.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	6C, tending to drop toward evening. Above the summits, but will then lower into the night, near to freezing point above 1300m.	2 or 3C Close to freezing on highest tops above 1200m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 24 October, 2021**

A front advances eastward on Sunday, followed by a cool, blustery and showery pattern onward into Monday. Temperatures will vary during next week - highest Scottish summits will temporarily dip close to freezing point, but it will be often mild as southwesterlies prevail. Periods of gales or severe gales on the mountains. Frequent rain, some sustained heavy falls focused on western Scotland where flooding is possible through midweek. Less wet further south and east.

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