

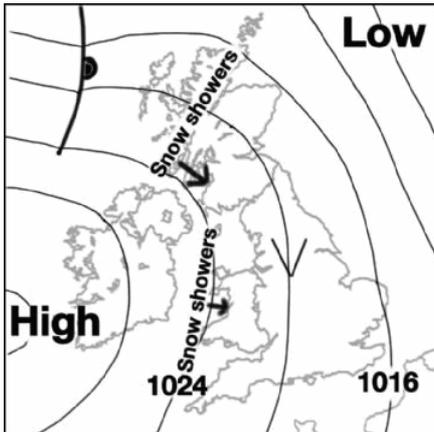
# Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 25 November, 2021



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 25 November, 2021**

A cold, windy but fine day on summits along most of the spine of Britain and also South Wales. However, snow showers will affect the NW Highlands and increasingly from the west other summits in W Scotland, and west Wales will later become prone to showers.

### Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Upland gales easing slightly. Snow showers easing to flurries.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 25 November, 2021

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	North backing westerly; 45mph at dawn, but dropping to 30 to 35mph in a temporary slight lull afternoon. Stronger again after dark.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Arduous walking on higher areas and at first walking difficult and significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Snow showers, mainly at first.</b> After dawn Cairngorms and Deeside, snow showers, perhaps frequent. Will largely die out morning, leaving only a few flurries. Otherwise, isolated snow showers or flurries.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Becoming confined to higher tops</b> Typically by late morning cloud base only rarely below 900m and breaks to or above 1150m. But on Cairngorms and Deeside area, after dawn for a few hours, cloud base typically 750m with patches below 550m. <b>Reaching to 60% from midday</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Patches of sunshine although little sun morning Cairngorms and Deeside. The air very clear, but abruptly very poor visibility in precipitation.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	-4C. Due to wind chill, will feel as cold as minus 18 Celsius directly in the wind.  450m.

## Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Friday 26 November	Saturday 27 November
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Northwesterly 40mph. From middle of day abruptly 70-90 to in gusts 100-120mph in hurricane force winds.  <b>Severe wind chill and very difficult walking conditions at best. Abruptly any mobility will become tortuous - even on lower slopes.</b>	Northerly 60mph, dropping toward 45mph; particularly gusty near showers.  <b>Upland severe gales or storm force winds will result in severe wind chill and frequently any mobility difficult.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Snow, often heavy, most of day.</b> Snow, intermittently heavy giving whiteout. Sometimes hail and risk thunder. Least precipitation S Cairngorms NP to Ben Alder, where little snow morning. Exceptional snowfall following after dark.	<b>Frequent snow - whiteout</b> After a massive fall of heavily drifted snow overnight; further snow and blowing snow will bring sustained whiteout to higher areas.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Very extensive</b>  Cloud shrouding the hills, sometimes from lower slopes. Typically base 200 to 400m near precipitation, although fleeting breaks to 700m. In S Cairngorms NP to Ben Alder, most cloud above 500m and breaks, perhaps fleeting, to 800m. <b>10%</b>	<b>Blanket fog higher areas</b>  Rapidly varying cloud bases: abruptly forming on lowest slopes near precipitation but breaks to 700m occasionally higher. West from southern summits in Cairngorms NP, most cloud above 600m and breaks to 900m. <b>10%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare glimpses of sun if any. Visibility often appalling or near zero, although at times good - mainly more southern areas.	Rare glimpses of hazy sunshine. Visibility often appalling or near zero, particularly higher up.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	-2C dropping to -4C  700m dropping from north to 450m.	-4C  400m

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 26 November, 2021**

On Friday and Saturday, the Scottish Highlands will bear the brunt of cold, stormy conditions with considerable snowfall (especially Cairngorms NP).

There may well be a lull on Sunday as winds drop and most areas are temporarily dry (possibly snow edging onto some western mountains). Next week, precipitation frequent, with further bouts of upland gales or severe gales. Temperature levels will vary: a series of freeze thaw cycles Scottish Highlands, whilst elsewhere higher tops only occasionally below freezing point.

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