

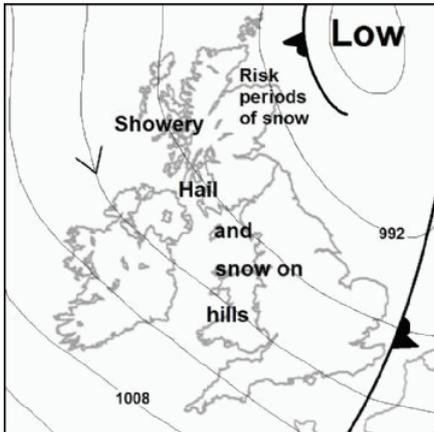
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 4 December, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 4 December, 2021

Showers running inland from western coasts on strong to gale force W-NW'ly winds, extending into western Peak & Pennines. Local clusters giving frequent hail or hill snow, chance of thunder. Also risk snow for periods N & E Scotland, may move southwards. Much terrain stays frozen above 600-700m, but locally snow to lower elevations.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Cold, squally winds. Risk of snow, mostly morning.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 4 December, 2021

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northwesterly, may change abruptly, often 20-30mph, some squally gusts over 40mph at times, perhaps 50-60mph eastern areas.
Effect of wind on you?	Beware of changing conditions: may be small at times, but risk of difficult walking and significant wind chill for periods.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow for a time Risk an area of snow for an hour or more in the morning, focused on northern areas. Probably breaking up for a times into middle of day. Snow often falling to slopes, sometimes sleet or rain up to about 400-500m.
Cloud on the hills?	May persist higher tops Cloud bases varied, often covering higher mountains above 800-1000m, lowering further in constant precipitation. Some breaks toward higher tops, mostly south and east of the Cairngorm plateau.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief glimpses of sun. Visibility very good away from showers, but very poor in cloud and snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C. Wind chill in strongest winds below -15C on highest tops.
Freezing Level	500 to 700m.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 5 December	Monday 6 December
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northerly 20 to 30mph in morning, risk 40mph around dawn, but speeds likely to lessen, may fall light up to dusk. Prepare for marked wind chill and considerable buffeting early in the day, but conditions gradually easing.	South veering westerly, often in the range 30 to 50mph, perhaps a brief lull. Expect frequent buffeting across the hills, sometimes arduous walking conditions with significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow mostly north and east Snow may affect the northern and eastern parts of the Cairngorms NP for a few hours, mostly flurries, possibly more persistent toward east for a time. Very little toward Ben Alder and Glen Garry.	Snow, later showers with hail A period of snowfall is likely for a few hours, falling to lower slopes, extensive whiteout on hills. Tending to clear from west, later followed by showers with hail.
Cloud on the hills?	Most persistent north/eastern areas Varied cloud; around precipitation will be fairly extensive over the hills, lowest northern Cairngorms and around Lecht, in places below 700m. Some breaks to higher levels, best near/west of A9 and south from Dalwhinnie.	Fairly extensive Shrouding the mountains most or all day, extensively during snow, to lower slopes in places. Bases may slowly rise from the west into the afternoon, then varied in and out of showers.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Northeastern areas may stay mostly cloudy, occasional sun best further south and west. Visibility very good, but locally poor in snow.	Brief if any sun. Visibility very poor during precipitation, appalling if in snow and cloud, brief improvements lower terrain.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-4C. Most terrain frozen from lower slopes upward.	-2 to -4C, tending to slightly rise for a time. Much terrain frozen following overnight frost. Becoming 300-400m perhaps slightly higher into early afternoon.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 5 December, 2021

Most mountain terrain is likely to stay frozen throughout the week ahead. Sometimes freezing conditions to lower slopes, although some day-to-day variations. Wind speed and direction will vary considerably, intermittent lulls, but then a deep low is expected to affect Britain by Tuesday-Wednesday, bringing stormy conditions, perhaps widely. Further lows are likely to follow later in the week. Extensive snowfalls possible on the hills, a mix of snow and rain lower down.

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