

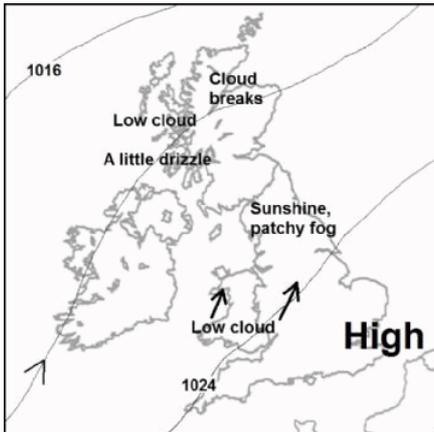
# Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 15 January, 2022



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 15 January, 2022**

Areas of low cloud at various levels, but may shroud western Scotland much of the day, patchy drizzle. Breaks north and east across the Highlands. Hills mostly clear northern England. Patchy fog. Low cloud likely to spread across Wales from south. Local gusty wind. Dropping near freezing some slopes, plus frost some valleys.

### Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Dry, some banks of low cloud, but good breaks toward north/east.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 15 January, 2022

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	South to southwesterly 15mph, locally 20-25mph around some tops and corries.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Fairly small, but locally rather gusty not just on highest slopes. Marked wind chill where exposed.
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Precipitation not expected</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Very little north and eastern Cairngorms</b> Banks of cloud on some slopes, most common around Drumochter and toward Ben Alder, at times frequent above 800m. Further north and east, cloud well broken, many tops mostly clear, in places above lower fog banks.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>50% southwest, 80% northeast.</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Intermittent sun, most common north of the Cairngorms. Visibility very good. Misty some glens and lower slopes. Some high tops clear above cloud banks.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	Starting around 3C, tending to lower slowly toward 0C during day; small variation of temperature with increasing height. Directly in strongest wind, feeling as cold as -7C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Starting above freezing to high tops, lowering close to zero above 1000m. Also slight frost some glens.

## Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 16 January	Monday 17 January
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Westerly 25 to 40mph, strongest northernmost Cairngorms.  <b>Blustery across the hills, locally walking arduous on highest terrain for periods. Significant wind chill where exposed.</b>	Westerly 30-40mph at dawn, strongest toward north, but easing to 15mph or less. By evening southwesterly 20mph. <b>Risk of very blustery conditions and marked wind chill at first, but soon mostly small.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Possible light rain or snow flurries</b> Often dry, but risk of a little patchy rain, sleet or snow flurries on the Munros, mostly Monadhliath across the northern Cairngorms.	<b>No rain</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Mostly higher tops</b>  Most cloud confined above 900 to 1000m, but may come and go through the day across higher mountains. Breaks most common toward Deeside.  <b>40%</b>	<b>Little or none</b>  Rare if any fragments of cloud some slopes.  <b>Above 90%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun, mostly eastern areas. Visibility generally good.	Mostly sunny with excellent visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	0 or -1C  Near or just below freezing above 800-900m, beware of icy surfaces.	Locally near 0C at dawn, rising to 6C or higher some slopes. Hills warmer than glens.  Frost in most glens in morning, higher terrain also at least part-frozen, but air temperature rising well above zero.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 16 January, 2022**

Weakening fronts will pass southwards across Britain during Sunday, bringing small amounts of precipitation. Close to freezing on higher mountains, beware of hardened snow patches and ice in places. High pressure briefly rebuilds into Monday with air temperatures rising well above zero on most hills, although a frosty start in many valleys. Damp and mild southwesterlies into Tuesday bring extensive cloud, rain or drizzle, wettest in western Scotland. Windy into midweek in the north. A cold front is likely to bring rain turning to hill snow in Scotland, leading to a chillier second half of the week. Some further dry days are expected for all as high pressure returns with inversion conditions for some areas.

**Forecast issued at 16:04 on Friday, 14 January, 2022**

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