

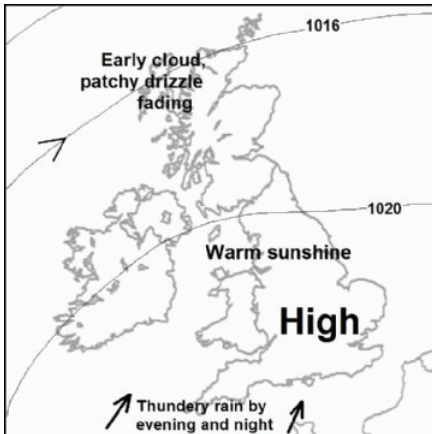
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 14 May, 2022



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 May, 2022

Low cloud and patchy light rain or drizzle affects western Scotland in the morning, but will break up with many mountains clearing across the Highlands. Breezy on Scottish hills, easing with time. England and Wales generally dry with light winds, warm and sunny. Risk bursts of rain spreading from south into night for Wales.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Early low cloud lifting and breaking. Wind easing.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 14 May, 2022

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly, after dawn 25-30mph Will gradually drop to 15mph by evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Becoming small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Local drizzle at first, then dry Risk pockets of drizzle, mainly or only west of A9 in morning. This will soon fizzle out. Very wet underfoot west of A9; rivers that flow from west of A9 in spate.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Extensive higher areas, before breaking Extensive fog above 500-700m at dawn. Will improve as cloud base rises: By midday, cloud base near 750m west of A9, and 900-1050m Cairngorms NP, where in afternoon, many eastern summits will clear. 30% rising to 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun increasingly coming through in morning. Widespread sun toward evening especially eastern Cairngorms NP. Visibility becoming excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4C rising to 10C
Freezing Level	Above the summits

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 15 May	Monday 16 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	East or southeasterly, 5 to 15mph, increasing toward 25-30mph into evening. Starting small, but later becoming blustery and very gusty around some tops and passes.	Southeasterly, 20 to 40mph, speeds may vary through the day, probably least wind into the evening. Beware of changing conditions, sometimes small, but risk of considerable buffeting and sudden powerful gusts.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain not expected	Rain may become persistent from south Pulses of rain spreading from the south, although several hours likely to remain mainly dry, especially north of Cairngorms in the morning. Risk of rain becoming more widespread with time, sometimes heavy.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Little if any 80%	Becoming extensive in rain A few ragged banks of cloud in the morning, but northern Cairngorms clear for a few hours ahead of rain. During and following rain, cloud then forming widely, patches to some lower slopes. 70% dropping to 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine. Good visibility although slightly hazy.	Early sun soon weak as high cloud builds, becoming mostly overcast. Visibility good prior to rain, then dull or murky.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	8C, rising marginally to 10C some hills near/west of the A9 by afternoon. Above summits	4 to 8C, coolest toward east and if in fog. Above summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 15 May, 2022

South to southwesterly winds will prevail into early next week, bringing some spells of rain or showers, including a risk of thundery bursts in places. Wind speeds varied, sometimes reaching gale force on the tops. Rain and low cloud becoming focused on western mountains in Scotland as the week progresses, with generally westerly winds from midweek, feeling quite cool on the mountains. Higher pressure building across England and Wales should bring fewer showers and some warmer, sunnier periods. High pressure may then expand further north over Britain into next weekend.

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