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Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

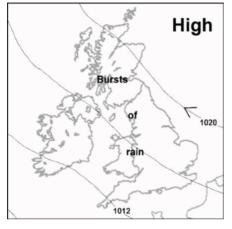
Cairngorms National Park and Monadhliath. Also includes the Ben Alder area hills between Loch Ericht and Loch Laggan.



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General Summary for Sunday, 15 May, 2022



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 15 May, 2022

Showery bursts of rain will drift gradually northwards over Britain - very hit and miss in nature, some places seeing rain for an hour or more, other areas staying dry. Northern Scotland escaping driest for longest. Gusty southeasterly winds, tending to strengthen across the Highlands through the day. Fairly warm, guite humid.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Mostly dry, hills free of cloud. Gusty wind developing.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 15 May, 2022

How windy? (On the Munros)	East or southeasterly, 5 to 15mph, increasing toward 25-30mph into evening.		
Effect of wind on you?	Starting small, but later becoming blustery and very gusty around some tops and passes.		
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain not expected Low risk of a late showery burst, mainly hills around Ben Alder.		
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly little if any		
	Local pockets of mist some glens or lower slopes early morning, soon dispersing. Then mostly rare fragments on higher areas, although some cloud banks may form on hills toward southeast Cairngorms NP.		
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine sometimes weak due to high cloud. Good visibility but slight haze.		
How Cold? (at 900m)	8C, rising marginally to 10C some hills near/west of the A9 by afternoon.		
Freezing Level	Above summits		

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Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Monday 16 May	Tuesday 17 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	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.	South to southeasterly 25 to 35mph, risk over 40mph at times on Cairngorm plateau and gusty into some northern corries. Considerable buffeting where exposed on higher terrain, very gusty in places, including downslope to the north.
How wet?	Rain may become persistent from south	Showery rain on and off
(Precipitation and its impact)	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.	Timing uncertain, but expect rain from time to time, some showery bursts mixed in.
Cloud on the hills?	Becoming extensive in rain	Mostly confined to higher tops
	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.	Cloud bases well elevated, but patches covering higher slopes at times around rain, lowest across southern Cairngorms NP, but often above 900m toward north.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70% dropping to 20%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Early sun soon weak as high cloud builds, becoming mostly overcast. Visibility good prior to rain, then dull or murky.	Occasional sun, mainly north of Cairngorms. Visibility often good, but reduced around rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4 to 8C, coolest toward east and if in fog.	6 to 8C
Freezing Level	Above summits	Above summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 16 May, 2022

South to southwesterly winds will prevail early in the new 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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