

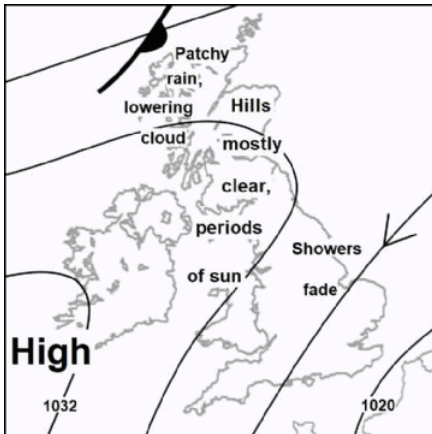
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Tuesday, 21 November, 2023



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 November, 2023

Many places dry during the day with some sun. Light winds in morning for the Highlands, but will increase, gales into evening. Cloud thickening ahead of a warm front, some patchy rain developing for NW Scotland. Brief showers for eastern Pennines fade. Windy for England and Wales in morning.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Wind increasing later. Dry, cloud breaking.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 21 November, 2023

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Little wind or weak northerly in morning, then becoming westerly 15mph in the afternoon, 25mph from dusk. Upland gales developing after dark.</p> <p>Mostly small, but increasing wind chill in the afternoon as the winds increase.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Dry until evening Chance of an odd patch of fine drizzle in early cloud in northeast. Otherwise dry. A little drizzle moving onto western hills after dark.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Low cloud, slowly breaking up to clear. Areas of low cloud at varying heights from dawn, slowly lifting and breaking to mostly clear hills; ragged patches may remain over some upper slopes.</p> <p>30% lifting to 70%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>A little weak sun breaking through for a time, but cloud layers increasing again from west. Visibility becoming very good.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>1C lifting to 3C into the afternoon</p> <p>1000m, lifting above the tops into the afternoon.</p>

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 22 November	Thursday 23 November
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly 50 to 70mph; considerable increase of speed with height; likely increasing, risk 80mph Cairngorm plateau. Challenging conditions and significant wind chill at mid elevations; severe conditions higher up, any mobility very difficult.	West later northwesterly, 70 to 90mph from overnight into the daytime, only gradually easing toward 50mph. Ongoing very difficult conditions and significant wind chill from mid-heights upward much of day. Severe on tops.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain mostly western Cairngorms Rain fairly persistent near and west of the A9, at times heavy. Progressively smaller amounts further eastwards, mostly spots in the wind, locally more often dry toward Deeside.	Rain later snow tops Rain remaining most persistent on western side of Cairngorms and over Monadhliath, heavy for periods. On and off elsewhere, least in east. Turning to snow on the Munros as it eases. Later showers with snow falling to 600m.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive higher areas Shrouding higher terrain most or all day, lowest bases near the A9, at times below 800m. Further east, some breaks possible toward higher slopes.	Extensive higher areas, may lift Shrouding higher terrain for half the day at least, lowest bases near/west of the A9 in rain. As rain clears, bases starting to rise, some breaks may form to upper slopes.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, glimpses of sun toward east. Slight haze, visibility reduced in rain, locally poor in west.	Mostly cloudy, glimpses of weak sun mainly east. Slight haze, visibility may improve later.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	6C. Wind chill feels near -10C on tops. Above the summits.	As high as 5C at first, dropping during day toward 0C, likely sub-zero later. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C. Initially above the summits, but likely to lower - timing uncertain - possibly to 800m N Cairngorms up to dusk, 600m into night.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 22 November, 2023

Wednesday into Thursday brings widespread gale force westerly winds over the mountains - increasingly severe. Very wet for western Scotland, particularly in northwest. Smaller amounts of rain further south and east. Colder air moves in from the northwest later Thursday into Friday, dipping below freezing on most high tops of Britain, showers with hail and snow falling to lower elevations in Scotland. Likely to stay chilly into the weekend, sub-zero on tops plus frost overnight into valleys and glens. Some local upland snowfalls possible, although high pressure nearby is likely to bring a fair amount of dry and bright weather plus wind speeds tending to ease.

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