

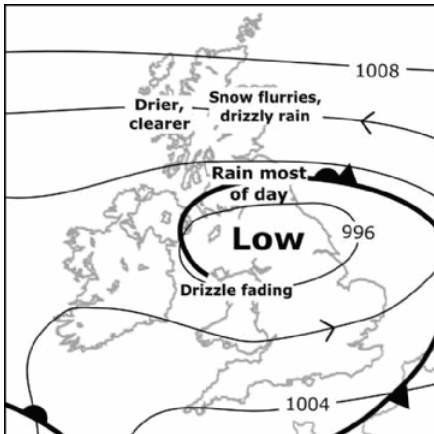
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Wednesday, 3 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 3 April, 2024

Strong easterly winds, sub-zero on Scottish tops, significant chill factor. Persistent rain central & SE Scotland. Snow for E Highlands, mostly flurries. Extensive low cloud. Higher cloud bases, more often dry near west coast N from Mull. Frequent bursts of rain N England. Becoming often dry Wales, but strong westerlies.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Cold and windy, gusty, gale-force. Snow flurries.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 3 April, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 25 to 35mph, often 40mph on higher Cairngorms, gusts 50mph over higher exposed tops and in places just west of major summits and ridges.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery with frequent buffeting widely over higher exposed terrain, often arduous conditions over higher Cairngorms. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Hill snow flurries, fairly persistent east Snow flurries, rain below 600-800m, most persistent eastern Cairngorms NP, fairly persistent all day. Smaller amounts toward Drumochter, flurries on and off.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Shrouding the mountains throughout the day, to mid or lower slopes in eastern areas. Some breaks above 800m near and west of the A9.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, dull or murky, especially east. Visibility poor, whiteout on higher areas if in fog over snow cover.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 or -1C falling during day toward -3C later. Wind chill feeling like -10C, to -15C on higher Cairngorms.
Freezing Level	800-900m, tending to drop from northeast later in day toward 600m.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 4 April	Friday 5 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	East to northeasterly 20 to 30mph. Blustery over higher terrain, significant wind chill where exposed on Cairngorm plateau.	East turning southerly, 35 to 50mph, gusts 60mph+ at first. A possible lull, but risk increasing again, further gales later. Beware of changing conditions, at times very difficult with powerful gusts to lower slopes. May improve for a time.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow mostly north, scattered showers Risk of fairly persistent light snow over north/eastern Cairngorms in the morning, snow falling into the glens. Small amounts toward Ben Alder. Scattered soft hail flurries into the afternoon.	Snow gradually turning to rain Extensive snowfall likely from before dawn, for a few hours toward lower slopes. Heaviest south and eastern Cairngorms. Turning to sleet or rain toward higher levels. Risk fairly persistent all day.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	May persist higher areas Cloud likely to often shroud higher Cairngorms, lowest in north and east in morning. Breaks forming to some upper slopes, best toward Drumochter. 30%	Extensive, lowest south and east Covering the hills widely, from mid-slopes upward Glen Garry to Braemar areas. Higher cloud bases northern Cairngorms, some breaks toward Monadhliath. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Often cloudy, glimpses of sun southwest of Cairngorms. Visibility good for periods, reduced if in precipitation.	Overcast and dull. Murky especially south/east, local better visibility if dry around Strathspey.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-4C rising to around 0C. Feeling like -10C or colder if exposed to stronger winds in morning. Close to freezing from low elevations upward in the morning. Rising to 800-1000m afternoon, highest near A9.	-1 to -3C, coldest in north in morning. Rising to 0C, later +1 or 2C. Wind chill often feeling like -10C or below. Near/below freezing glens upward at first, rising variably, perhaps slowly to 600-800m in north, but likely lifting above many tops.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 4 April, 2024

Complex areas of low pressure continue to circulate over Britain. Chilly easterly winds for Scotland through midweek, eventually turning southwesterly by the weekend with a rise of temperature by this stage. Risk of widespread upland gales Friday into the weekend. The western Highlands will generally see least precipitation and best cloud breaks. Eastern Scottish hills plus much of England and Wales more often affected by low cloud and periods of rain or hill snow. Fresh snow accumulations over the Highlands. England and especially Wales typically above freezing to tops.

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