

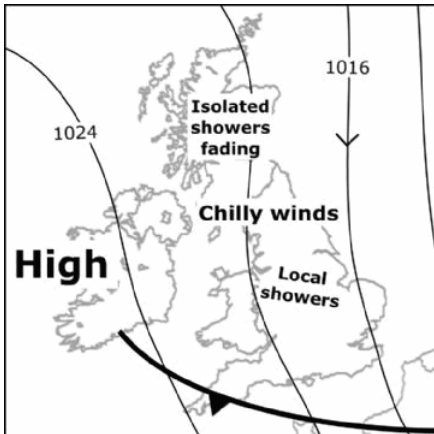
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Friday, 19 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 19 April, 2024

Brisk northwesterly winds, strongest in the morning for most places, giving considerable chill factor across higher terrain. Plenty of dry and bright weather with well broken cloud often above many summits. Isolated showers in Scotland and Wales fading. A few showers continuing for south Pennines into afternoon.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Chilly winds. Brief snow showers. cloud breaks and sun.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 19 April, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northwesterly 30 to 45mph, tending to ease slightly during day.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable buffeting and wind chill on exposed higher terrain in morning, lessening gradually afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers for a time Brief snow or hail showers coming in from the northwest in the morning tending to fade to scattered flurries then largely dry into the afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Lifting above many tops Patchy cloud drifting over higher slopes for a few hours in the morning, but lifting toward or above many summits into afternoon. Patches may come and go on higher northern Cairngorms.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Broken cloud and sun. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C rising to 0 or +1C. Wind chill feeling like -10C or below in strongest wind in morning.
Freezing Level	700 rising to 900-1000m, locally higher toward southwestern Cairngorms in afternoon.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 20 April	Sunday 21 April
<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Northwesterly 15 to 25mph, typically strongest toward northeast Cairngorms NP, locally gusty around elevated passes.</p> <p>Fairly small, locally feeling blustery at times around some tops.</p>	<p>Variable and mostly low speeds, 10-15mph or less.</p> <p>Small</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Risk drizzly rain forming</p> <p>Occasional spots of drizzle developing from the west, may become steadier drizzly rain in north later in day.</p>	<p>Little precipitation</p> <p>Risk local pockets of drizzle mainly toward north and east in the morning. Chance of an isolated brief shower forming, perhaps a snow flurry on tops.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Banks on some higher tops</p> <p>A little patchy cloud in morning, but some hills clear for several hours. Some banks of cloud drifting onto higher slopes for periods, mainly toward north.</p> <p>60%</p>	<p>Covering some slopes, may lift</p> <p>Banks of cloud around higher slopes in the morning, especially toward north and east where may linger. Some breaks forming toward the tops.</p> <p>50%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Some early sun, but giving way to cloudier skies from west. Deeside to Glen Garry may keep occasional sun. Visibility very good.</p>	<p>Fairly cloudy, but some sun breaking through. Visibility very good.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>1C rising to 5C. Feeling like -5C if exposed to breeze early in day, and still sub-zero in afternoon.</p> <p>Frost in sheltered glens and near freezing on some higher slopes at first. Lifting above freezing to all tops.</p>	<p>Around 5C, locally 7C by afternoon.</p> <p>Above the summits</p>

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 20 April, 2024

High pressure builds into the weekend bringing mostly dry conditions, lighter winds and mountain temperatures generally above freezing. On Saturday, low cloud and patchy drizzle northwest Scotland. A chilly north to northeasterly breeze for England and Wales, particularly Sunday. Into next week, high pressure stays nearby, initially centred toward the northwest, bringing sunny spells and scattered light showers. Lower temperatures by midweek, near or below freezing over higher terrain, coldest toward the east. Looking more widely showery by late week, again with upland snow, plus hail.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Thursday, 18 April, 2024

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