

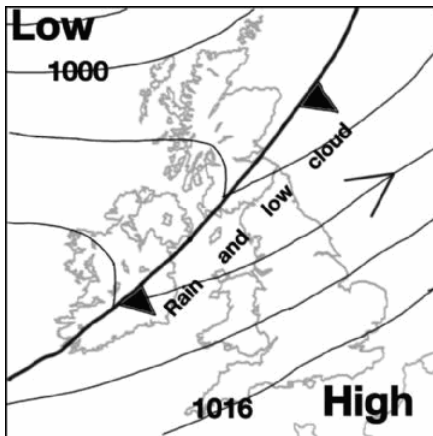
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Thursday, 15 August, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 August, 2024

An active front will bring a broad zone of gale or near gale force upland winds, rain and low cloud southwards, although toward the Peak District and south and east Wales, the deterioration will be gradual. Will improve from NW across Scotland, but precise time uncertain.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Upland gales, rain and low cloud; improving markedly later in day.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 15 August, 2024

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| How windy? (On the Munros) | Southwesterly; 40 to on higher tops 50mph. From west midday or into the afternoon, a lull, then 20 to on higher tops 25mph. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Strenuous conditions: considerable buffeting (even on some lower slopes) and significant wind chill. Will ease markedly afternoon. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Rain, clearing afternoon Rain most of morning and early afternoon (although often little more than spots in wind toward Deeside), when all clearing. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Higher mountains foggy; all or nearly all clearing later in day. Fog across higher hills morning; sometimes below 500m from Ben Alder to southern summits in Cairngorms NP. Further north, 600 to 900m. Into the afternoon, possibly late afternoon, either all clearing or just fragments remaining on higher tops. |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | Less than 10%; rising to 80% through afternoon. |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Bright sunshine increasingly later afternoon onward. Widely misty or murky but later visibility very good, although a haze. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | 8 to 10C, warmest eastern summits in Cairngorms NP. Feeling colder than freezing point directly in the wind until well into the afternoon. |
| Freezing Level | Above the summits |

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

| | Friday 16 August | Saturday 17 August |
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| How windy? (On the Munros) | Southwesterly 35 to 45mph, in the evening toward 50mph. Gusts may reach 60mph. | Southwesterly, around 25mph, on highest tops 30mph. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Considerable buffeting, gusts may knock you off your feet. Difficult conditions, deteriorating with height. Significant wind chill. | Mostly small, but on high exposed ground blustery and may impede comfortable walking. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Widely dry Extensively dry, a few spots of rain possible toward Ben Alder, most likely in the evening. | Rain unlikely Extensively dry, an odd spot of drizzle possible near A9. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Hills clearing widely Most slopes clearing during the day, highest tops perhaps stay in clouds, particularly those near A9. Cloud mostly above 1000m. Cloud base lowering in the evening. Toward Deeside cloud-free all day. | Hills clearing early Clouds on various levels in the morning, widely dissipating or rising through the morning above most or all tops. |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | 70% | 80% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Sunny spells in the morning, increasingly cloudy into the afternoon. Good or excellent visibility. | Patchwork of sun. Good visibility but some haze in the air. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | 7 to 9C, but feeling below freezing in strong wind. | 10C |
| Freezing Level | Above the summits. | Above the summits. |

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 16 August, 2024

A long run of frequently strong winds (particularly across Scotland) high rainfall and extensive low cloud (focussed on western mountains). There may be one or two drier much less windy periods across Wales and southern Pennines as pressure rises over a few days just to the south of Britain.

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