

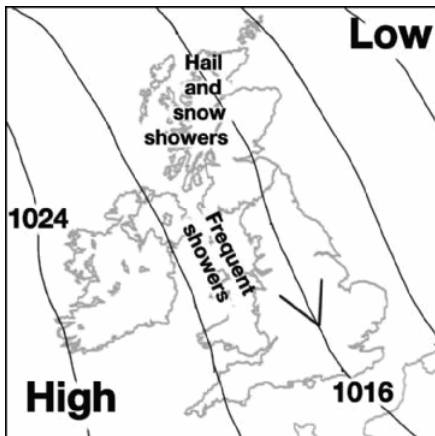
# Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 12 September, 2024



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 12 September, 2024**

Very cold for September; hail and snow in showers across the mountains in Scotland, and hail and sleet highest tops Snowdon range (where precipitation frequent). Elsewhere, a few brief showers and frequent bright sunshine. Nevertheless, feeling well below freezing point across the mountains directly in the wind.

### Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Occasional snow and hail showers. Feeling bitterly cold in the wind.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 12 September, 2024

<p><b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>Northwesterly, mostly around 25mph, but particularly near showers and on higher tops (particularly Cairngorm plateau) sometimes 35mph. Overall will drop slowly through the day.</p> <p><b>Will impede ease of walking on higher areas, but on highest areas and near showers buffeting considerable, particularly morning. Marked wind chill.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p><b>Hail and higher up, snow showers</b></p> <p>Occasional showers; of hail, and above 750m to in afternoon 1000m snow - the snow lying on highest tops.</p> <p>Fewest showers will be on southern Cairngorms NP west to Ben Alder where little more than a few flurries.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p> <p><b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b></p>	<p><b>Becoming confined to higher tops</b></p> <p>Cloud widely across higher areas from dawn, but cloud base rising through morning. From late morning, cloud mostly above 1050m; although mostly above 1200m Ben Alder and above the summits southern summits in Cairngorm NP.</p> <p>Nevertheless patches nearer 600m temporarily near showers.</p> <p><b>20% rising to 60%</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Glimpses of sun Cairngorms; whilst elsewhere, the sun 'in and out'. Abruptly poor visibility in precipitation, but otherwise very good,</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b></p> <p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>0C, rising to 2 to 4C, least cold southern summits. Directly in the wind will feel as cold as minus 10C</p> <p>900m; rising to around 1200m.</p>

**Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead**

	<b>Friday 13 September</b>	<b>Saturday 14 September</b>
<p><b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>West later backing southerly 20, perhaps 25mph. Toward evening, strengthening quickly.</p> <p><b>Mostly small in a lengthy lull, but before dusk anticipate significant buffeting and wind chill.</b></p>	<p>Southwesterly between 45 and perhaps 60mph (most likely Cairngorm plateau).</p> <p><b>Very difficult conditions: significant wind chill and walking widely arduous. You may be blown over where exposed on higher slopes.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p><b>Dry most of daylight</b></p> <p>Risk of the odd brief shower. Toward evening, rain spreading in.</p>	<p><b>Rain; very little toward Deeside</b></p> <p>Rain: varying from almost constant rain near Drumochter west toward Ben Alder to rain on and off elsewhere. However, often little more than 'spots in the wind' northern Cairngorms and Deeside.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p>	<p><b>Summits extensively cloud free</b></p> <p>Fragments on higher slopes after dawn and again toward evening (by dusk widespread southern summits Cairngorms NP, west to Ben Alder)</p>	<p><b>Persistent on higher areas</b></p> <p>Generally, fog from 450 to 650m upward most of the day. Cloud base a little higher Monadhliath. On the N Cairngorms east to Deeside, most cloud between 750 and 1000m.</p>
<p><b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b></p>	<p><b>80%; dropping toward evening from south</b></p>	<p><b>20%</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Periods of sun, but increasingly cloudy later in day. Visibility mostly excellent.</p>	<p>A little sun may come through mainly lower slopes near Cairngorms and Deeside. Visibility sometimes good, but misty in rain.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b></p> <p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>1C, rising to 6 to 8C, warmest eastern summits.</p> <p>1050m, gradually lifting above the summits. Widespread frost lowland and upland valleys post dawn.</p>	<p>10C. Will feel as cold as minus 3C directly in the wind. Above the summits.</p>

**Planning Outlook**

**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 13 September, 2024**

Turning warmer from the weekend. Very little rain for a week to ten days (perhaps longer) for England and Wales, but in Scotland, particularly western mountains, rain (mainly Saturday and Monday - although the precise timing uncertain), Around Tuesday the fine warm water will extend across Scotland.

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