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Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

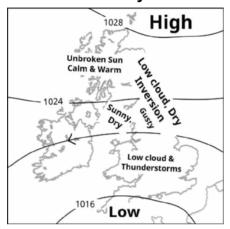
Cairngorms National Park and Monadhliath. Also includes the Ben Alder area hills between Loch Ericht and Loch Laggan.



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General Summary for Saturday, 21 September, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 September, 2024

Still glorious in the Highlands, with sun, warm temperatures, calm winds, cloud only in the valleys. Low cloud covering southern Scotland and northern England, inversion, high tops above cloud, western coast cloud-free. Showers and thunderstorms toward Peaks and in Wales.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Sunny, dry, warm & almost calm

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 21 September, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 5 to 15mph, at times lull.	
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible.	
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain expected	
Cloud on the hills?	oud on the hills? Clear central & west, cloud north & east	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Morning fog or very low cloud in some glens, extending onto slopes below about 600m especially in the east & north, by lochs and near rivers. Partly dispersing, but will stay on eastern- and northernmost Cairngorms where may lift a little but still cover low/mid slopes below 800m. 80%, east & north 40%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunny, excellent visibility most hills. Low clouds below the tops toward Deeside and on Monadhliath.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	9 to 11C, with inversion lower down often cooler.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	

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Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 22 September	Monday 23 September
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	East to southeasterly less than 15mph, at times lull. Negligible.	Generally low forecast confidence: Variable, starting 10mph, becoming northwesterly and rising to 20mph. Small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its	No rain expected	Mostly dry, risk rain later in the north Rain arriving in the second half of the day
impact)		from the north, possibly already afternoon, but most likely firstly in the evening. All day dry toward Drumochter or Braemar.
Cloud on the hills?	East & north covered, central tops clear	Morning fog, later high tops covered
	Central Cairngorms cloud-free, toward Deeside & Monadhliath low cloud covering hills below 700-800m, highest tops should stay above the cloud.	Morning fog or low cloud in the valleys below around 600m, mostly clearing early. Cloud dissipating, but high tops getting covered by clouds arriving from the north.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Unbroken sunshine and superb visibility in the central Cairngorms, layer of low clouds eastern and northern parts of NP.	Mostly sunny morning if above the cloud, in the afternoon clouds from the north covering the sun. Very good visibility at start.
How Cold? (at 900m)	8 to 11C	6 to 10C, warmest south, cooling during the day
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits during the day, lowering to level of highest summits in the evening.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 22 September, 2024

Glorious weekend in Scotland, thundery in Wales. On Monday weather deteriorates in the north, clouds and brief rain in Scotland. Northern England mostly dry, Peaks and Wales still wet. On Tuesday dry day except for eastern Highlands. A deep low pressure system arrives on Wednesday/Thursday, bringing strong cooling and a lot of rain to most British mountains. Toward next weekend most likely cold and wet, with again some snow on high tops.

Forecast issued at 13:36 on Friday, 20 September, 2024

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