

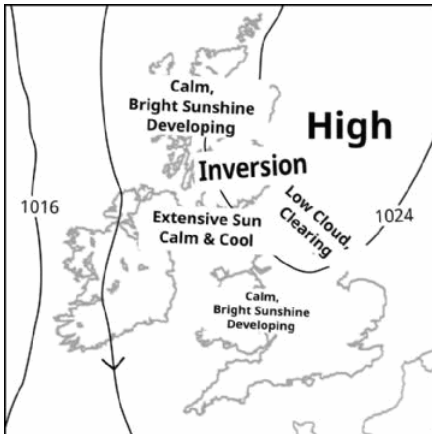
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 3 October, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 3 October, 2024

Widely dry and sunny, inversion means often clear skies above the sea of clouds sitting in the valleys, this low cloud mostly dissipating by noon. Light winds, locally breezy along the western coast. Cool.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Dry, calm, sunny, low cloud in some valleys. Cool

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 3 October, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly or southwesterly around 10mph, perhaps on Cairngorm Plateau afternoon 20mph. Complete lull at times.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, locally can temporarily make walking inconvenient on higher exposed paths.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain not expected
Cloud on the hills?	Hills clear, fog locally in the valleys Morning fog in southern valleys, up to even 400-500m (cloud top). Cloud rising a little through the day, largely breaking and dissipating. In northern Cairngorms valleys and hills likely clear.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	90% above morning fog
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunny with fair weather clouds. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 to 8C
Freezing Level	Above the summits, but frost at dawn inland glens and some sheltered higher areas.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Friday 4 October	Saturday 5 October
<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Southerly, 30 to 40mph, on Cairngorm Plateau & highest tops possibly 45mph. Gusts may reach 50mph.</p> <p>Considerable buffeting, walking arduous, in places very difficult and gusts may knock you over.</p>	<p>Southwest to southeasterly, 35-45mph possible on higher terrain, gusts may exceed 50mph.</p> <p>Walking possibly arduous, foot placement may become very difficult on most exposed tops. Significant wind chill.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>West and north likely wet</p> <p>Likely dry toward Deeside and Tomintoul, rain on and off from around noon toward Drumochter and Monadhliath, in the afternoon also central Cairngorms may see some showery rain.</p>	<p>Showers most likely west</p> <p>Showers possible, risk highest toward Drumochter, little lower toward Braemar and central Cairngorms. Monadhliath and Glenmore Forest most likely dry.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p>	<p>Extensive, thickening cloud</p> <p>Very low cloud in glens, for longest in southern Cairngorms. At first cloud top below 600m, but during the day cloud thickening covering mid and higher slopes. Breaks most likely toward northeast.</p>	<p>Extensively covered</p> <p>Hills in cloud, cloud base around 400-600m. Perhaps rising a little during the day. Chance for higher cloud base or breaks in cloud in the north.</p>
<p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>30%</p>	<p>30%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Except for low cloud in valleys sunny start, but soon becoming very cloudy. Excellent visibility away from the cloud.</p>	<p>Mostly overcast, glimpses of sun toward the north.</p> <p>Moderate visibility.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>5 to 7C, feeling below -5C in strong wind.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>	<p>5 to 8C. Wind chill may reduce the perceived temperature to -5C.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 4 October, 2024

On Friday in western Scotland deteriorating conditions, beware of upland gales in the Highlands. Lowering pressure and southwesterly winds toward the weekend bring an unsettled spell- rain at times, briefly milder air. Gradually cooling through next week, with spells of showery rain. On Thursday most likely widespread moderate to heavy rain, fairly persistent most mountains. Toward the weekend improving conditions, Saturday and Sunday probably dry and sunny.

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