

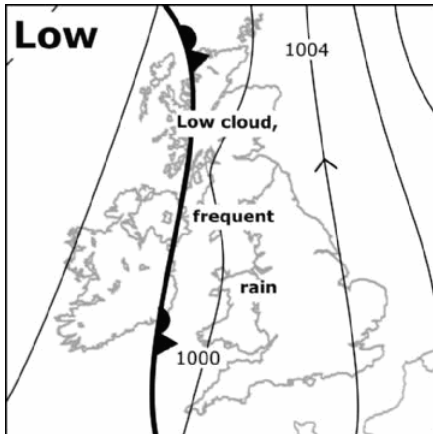
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Wednesday, 16 October, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 October, 2024

Gale force southerly winds, very gusty over the mountains, lessening from the west. Generally wet with low cloud across all regions, but northwestern Scotland seeing smallest amounts of rain, locally dry for periods. Some heavier periods of rain extending northwards over England, Wales & southern Scotland.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Upland gales, easing slowly. Rain and lowest cloud south.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 16 October, 2024

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>South to southeasterly; 35 to 55mph from dawn, peaking around mid-morning; easing slowly toward 25mph by dusk (strongest for longest toward east of region). Very gusty, particularly downslope north of major summits.</p> <p>Considerable buffeting and wind chill where exposed. Sudden powerful gusts, sometimes on lower slopes may blow you over. Improving only later in day.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Rain on and off, most persistent south</p> <p>Frequently raining, although from Monadhliath east to Cairngorms and Lochnagar, often little more than 'spots in the wind'. More persistent rain in southern areas from Drumochter to Deeside, at times heavier.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Mountains persistently cloud covered</p> <p>Ben Alder east to summits near and east of Drumochter: persistent cloud above 500 to 750m. Elsewhere, varied cloud base, patches above 750m, but often confined above 900 to 1050m.</p> <p>20%</p>
<p>Sunshine?</p> <p>Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Rare sunshine coming through, mainly glens north of Cairngorms. Mostly good visibility, although a haze and on more southern hills widely misty.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>8 to 12C, coldest where in cloud. Will feel below freezing point directly in the wind.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 17 October	Friday 18 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South to southwesterly, 10 to 20mph, occasionally 25mph higher Cairngorm plateau. Mostly small, may sometimes start to affect ease of walking on higher terrain.	South to southwesterly, starting 40mph and deteriorating, becoming 50-60mph on tops. Difficult conditions, becoming severe, walking hardly possible on exposed paths. High wind chill factor.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Soon largely dry Remnants of overnight rain leaving pockets of drizzle early morning, fading out to be substantially dry much of the day, perhaps a brief drizzly shower.	Dry start, slowly getting wet later Dry morning, perhaps very locally pockets of fine drizzle in the low cloud. In the afternoon/evening rain starting near Drumochter and generally southern Cairngorms. Northeast firstly wet in the night.
Cloud on the hills?	Low cloud lifting, clearing north Banks of low cloud from dawn, most extensive southern Cairngorms NP, plus fog in some glens. Becoming confined to upper slopes with time, breaks forming soonest toward north; may linger in south.	Mostly extensive Widespread low cloud rolling over the hills, northernmost part of the NP likely clear. Cloud thickening and filling in everywhere during the afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% south, rising to 80% north.	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine best north and northeast of Cairngorms, patchy cloud more frequent southern areas. Visibility very good.	Little to no sun widely, only northern Cairngorms will see longer sunny spells.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	7 to 9C, coolest in cloud. Above the summits	5 to 10C, coldest when in cloud, warmest north. Wind chill feeling well below freezing. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 17 October, 2024**

South to southwesterly winds will prevail over the next week or more, bringing mild or very mild temperatures, but an unsettled outlook with periods of rain, heavy at times. Temperatures will stay above freezing to higher tops, so recent snow cover will all thaw. Generally least rain toward north-northwest Scotland (north of about Torridon). Thursday is drier for many places. Rain on and off onward into the weekend. Frequently windy on the hills - Friday and then Sunday likely to be the windiest days during the week ahead - reaching storm-force winds on higher mountains. Next week, higher pressure may expand over England and Wales at least for periods.

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