

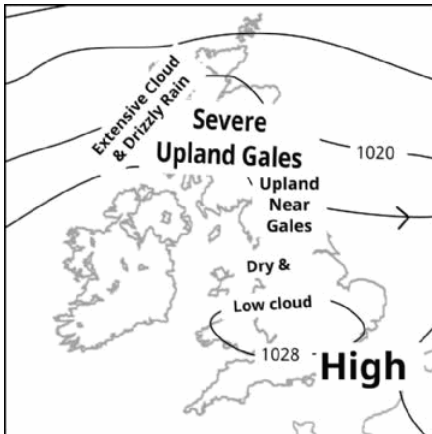
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 31 October, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 31 October, 2024

Widely murky, mostly overcast skies but dry, only in western Scotland drizzle. Mild, but severe wind make it feel cold in Scotland. Marked increase of wind speed with height in the north, severe gales over Scottish mountains. In Wales lot of sunshine above very low clouds.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Severe upland gales, murky, extensively dry

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 31 October, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly, 50 to 65mph, gusts likely to exceed 70mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Severe conditions, movement on the hills hardly possible, any mountain activity in exposed locations may be dangerous.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Chance localised drizzle but mostly dry Chance brief drizzle on westernmost hills, but most likely everywhere dry. Low risk of more widespread rain in the evening over northern Cairngorms.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, some tops above cloud, east clear Toward the west very low cloud persistent most of the day, tops and slopes above 600-800m may stay above cloud parts of the day. Toward Deeside cloud higher, often breaking.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Very little or no sun in the west, toward Deeside sky may be generally clear. Excellent visibility if not in cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	10 to 12C. Significantly cooler lower down. Severe wind chill makes it feel like well below freezing.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Friday 1 November	Saturday 2 November
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Starting westerly, 30 to 40mph. Gradually easing to 10-15mph and becoming variable. In the morning considerable buffeting, walking strongly impeded. Becoming small.	Southwesterly, mostly 10 to 25mph, in most exposed locations at times 30mph possible. Mostly small, but may be blustery if exposed (Cairngorm Plateau, high tops), walking impeded and marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain fairly persistent north Rain persistent for several hours, moderate to even locally heavy on northern Cairngorms, lighter intensity and much less frequent toward Braemar.	No rain expected
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Extensive, chance for improvement Cloud widely covering the hills, only lower slopes at times clearing if longer breaks in rain occur. Chance for breaks in the afternoon. 20%	 Hills covered in cloud from 500-800m upward at start, cloud slowly lifting, may partly break. Chance for higher cloud base toward the east. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull. Slowly improving in the afternoon with a little sunshine. Poor visibility.	Very little or no sun, although highest tops may stick out from the cloud at times. Very good visibility if not in cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	3 to 6C Above the summits.	7 or 8C Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 1 November, 2024

After wet Friday in Scotland, back to high pressure for the weekend and beginning of next week. Inversion conditions developing mean locally very misty or cloudy, and tops sometimes above cloud. Southwesterly winds, dry and mild conditions. Such scheme holds until mid next week, when a weak front passage will probably deteriorate weather for a day, at least in Scotland. Later another few days of often cloudy, but dry and warm weather. Winds may speed up again end of next week.

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