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Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

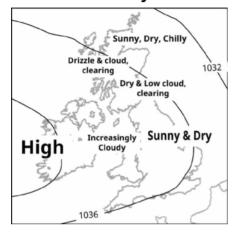
Cairngorms National Park and Monadhliath. Also includes the Ben Alder area hills between Loch Ericht and Loch Laggan.



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General Summary for Wednesday, 13 November, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 November, 2024

Mix of sun and often very low clouds covering the hills. In Highlands most sunshine afternoon, in Peak District and south Wales sunny most of the day. Southern Pennines and Lakes much sunnier than northern parts. Mild, light winds, chance for inversion conditions on the Munros.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Cloudy and dull start, becoming sunny. Dry, windy

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 13 November, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly ranging from 25 to sometimes 35mph (particularly Cairngorm plateau).	
Effect of wind on you?	Expect considerable wind chill and buffeting where exposed on higher areas. Walking arduous on exposed slopes and near tops.	
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain expected	
Cloud on the hills?	the hills? Blanket of fog over the hills, often clearing	
	Frequent fog above 450 to 700m most areas, highest tops may be above the cloud. Often clearing afternoon. On southern summits in Cairngorms NP near Braemar, cloud base higher, typically 700 to 900m and cloud more patchy.	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% rising to 70%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Chance for sun and very good visibility toward the afternoon, earlier dull and often misty, perhaps sunny toward Braemar. Visibility becoming excellent.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	7C, in wind feeling like below freezing.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	

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Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 14 November	Friday 15 November
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northwesterly, widely 10 to 20mph. Small.	Southwesterly turning westerly, strengthening form 35 to 55mph, slightly weaker south Cairngorms. Gusty. Walking becoming very difficult, wind frequently throwing off balance, significant wind chill.
How wet?	Low risk of rain	Increasingly wet toward the evening
(Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzle possible on Monadhliath and north of Cairngorm Plateau.	At first widely dry, occasional spot of rain near Drumochter. In the afternoon rain moving in from the northwest to most areas, in places fairly persistent (Ben Alder).
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly covered	Extensive, breaks east
	Mist or fog in glens, partly clear upward at start, during the day soon cloud becoming extensive on higher slopes.	Cloud covering higher tops all day, lower slopes may clear at times but likely in cloud most of the day. Some breaks possible first half of the day toward Deeside and Lecht.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine, most likely toward Braemar and other southern parts of NP. Very good visibility.	Bright spells toward east and northeast, but most of NP overcast.
		Away from the cloud visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4 to 8C. Temperature generally rising with height.	5-6C, rapidly decreasing in the evening.
Freezing Level	Above the summits. Possible morning frost in some glens and often in depressions.	Well above the summits, but rapidly decreasing into the night to 800m.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 14 November, 2024

High pressure lasting until Friday, ending with a cold front coming from the northwest, what marks the end of fairly dry and mild period. On Saturday, the front will pass over Britain, reaching central England by the end of the day. bringing some rain to most hilly areas. Drastic cooling and big pressure drop behind the front. On Sunday and start of next week, in low pressure, frequent showers are expected, with snow on the hills, snowflakes even down to valleys and towns. In the Highlands snow may reach significant depths rapidly, meaning truly winter conditions fairly early in the season.

Forecast issued at 14:25 on Tuesday, 12 November, 2024

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