

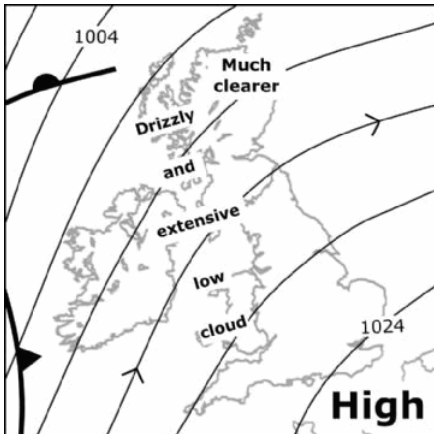
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 30 November, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 30 November, 2024

Southerly winds widely gale force over higher terrain, very gusty to some lower slopes. Small amounts of rain in total, but generally damp on western hills with drizzle and light rain plus extensive low cloud. Clearer and largely dry toward the northeast of major hill groups. Mild air, but marked wind chill over the hills.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Upland gales, gusty. Lowest cloud SW, some drizzle; clearer N/E.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 30 November, 2024

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>South to southwesterly typically 50mph, but very gusty, some sudden gusts lower slopes. Strengthening further from dusk, reaching 70mph late evening into night.</p> <p>Where exposed significant wind chill and difficult walking - balance sometimes difficult. Powerful gusts lower slopes.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Locally damp southwest; dry northeast</p> <p>Occasional rain or drizzle from Ben Alder to summits near and east of Drumochter; locally feeling often damp all day where in cloud. Mostly dry toward north & east Cairngorms; some spots in the wind.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Extensive, highest toward north</p> <p>Cloud base will rise from south to north: 500m Ben Alder to Drumochter area. Nearer 1000m Monadhliath, Cairngorms and Lochnagar, with local substantial breaks possible north of hills.</p> <p>10% south, to 30% north.</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Bright sun breaking through north Monadhliath, near Cairngorms ski-centre and north of Deeside. Mostly cloudy and hazy or misty south & southwestern areas.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>5C, locally 8C northern Cairngorms. Will feel near -10C directly in the wind.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 1 December	Monday 2 December
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 45 to 60mph, up to 70mph higher Cairngorms at dawn; speeds tending to lessen gradually. Difficult conditions and significant wind chill at least in the morning. Tending to improve a little into afternoon.	Northerly 30 to 40mph, tending to lessen during the daytime, perhaps much less toward dusk. Prepare for bitterly cold conditions on the mountains. Buffeting on higher areas, risk arduous walking; improving later.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	A little rain, mostly southwest Rain overnight fading around dawn, soon clearing eastwards. Then occasional rain, mostly spots in the wind, locally more frequent Ben Alder to southern Cairngorms NP. Then snow to lowering elevations into night.	Snow showers Showers with snow falling to lower slopes, possible brief hail; most frequent northern Cairngorms and Monadhliath.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly higher areas, breaks north Lowest cloud toward south of Cairngorms NP, bases 800-1000m in morning, rising. Most cloud above 1000m toward north, lifting higher with some breaks to tops.	Often covering higher slopes Cloud frequently covering higher Cairngorms, for periods to 800m or lower in snow in north. Higher bases and breaks to tops more frequent toward south.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% south, to 50% north.	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, glimpses of sun north of Cairngorms. Visibility very good, but reduced around rain.	Bursts of bright sunshine and very clear air away from showers, but visibility suddenly very poor in snow.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5C, lowering slightly during day, then more rapidly dropping below 0C into night. Daytime wind chill feeling like -10C. Above the summits all day, but dropping sharply by Sunday night, to 600-700m, or lower by dawn on Monday.	-4C. Wind chill feeling like -15C, risk -20C on higher Cairngorms in the morning. 400 to 500m; beware of icy surfaces. Soon frosty into glens by evening.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 1 December, 2024

After a mild weekend with strong southerly winds, it turns rapidly much colder again into Monday as winds switch temporarily northerly. Showers with snow falling over the mountains, to lower elevations in Scotland. Staying chilly with further periods of hill snow into midweek, but some windows of fine weather under transient areas of high pressure. Then later in the week through next weekend, a more turbulent southwesterly pattern, bringing stormy winds; fluctuating temperatures above and below freezing on the mountains with a mix of rain and upland snow.

Forecast issued at 15:00 on Friday, 29 November, 2024

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