

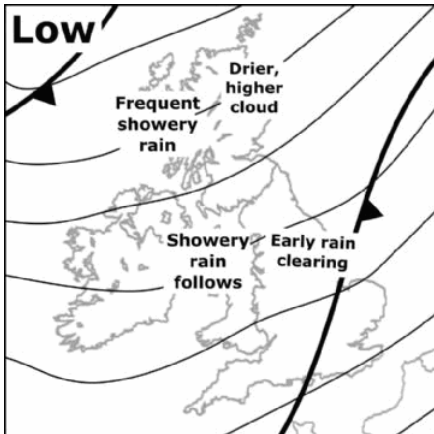
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Sunday, 1 December, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 1 December, 2024

Windy, gales across the mountains, although strongest speeds early in day tending to lessen. Rain most frequent in west, showery bursts. Early rain clears east across the Pennines. Much colder air arrives from northwest into night, with snow on Scottish mountains.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Upland gales. Often dry, occasional rain. Cloud breaks north.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 1 December, 2024

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Southwesterly 45 to 60mph, up to 70mph higher Cairngorms at dawn; speeds tending to lessen gradually.</p> <p>Into night, after a brief lull, abruptly switching northerly 40-50mph.</p> <p>Difficult conditions and significant wind chill at least in the morning. Tending to improve a little into afternoon.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>A little rain, mostly southwest</p> <p>Rain overnight fading and clearing eastwards by dawn. Then occasional rain, mostly spots in the wind, locally more frequent Ben Alder to southern Cairngorms NP. Then snow to lowering elevations into night.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Mostly higher areas, breaks north</p> <p>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.</p> <p>30% south, to 50% north.</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Mostly cloudy, glimpses of sun north of Cairngorms.</p> <p>Visibility very good, but reduced around rain.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>5C, lowering slightly during day, then more rapidly dropping below 0C into night. Daytime wind chill feeling like -10C.</p> <p>Above the summits all day, but dropping sharply by Sunday night, to 600-700m, or lower by dawn on Monday.</p>

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Monday 2 December	Tuesday 3 December
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	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.	Southerly, likely strengthening - timing very uncertain - 20mph or less from dawn, later risk up to 40mph. Likely to start small, but beware of changing conditions: may start to affect comfortable walking, marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow showers Showers with snow falling to lower slopes, possible brief hail; most frequent northern Cairngorms and Monadhliath.	May stay dry all day; snow later Likely dry in morning, very possibly all of daylight, but later risk of snow moving in from the west, initially flurries, then more persistent. May turn wetter on low-mid slopes into night.
Cloud on the hills?	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.	Little if any Fragments forming around some slopes and corries, but most mountains likely clear all day.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of bright sunshine and very clear air away from showers, but visibility suddenly very poor in snow.	Superb visibility, sparkling sunshine giving way as high cloud builds from west, becoming overcast later.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-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.	-4C rising to -2C, then up to 0C into night. Wind chill risk -10C to later -15C if speeds increase. Most terrain frozen, hard frost in glens at dawn. Rising variably into night toward upper slopes.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 2 December, 2024

Much colder again by Monday as winds switch temporarily northerly. Showers with snow falling over the mountains, to lower elevations in Scotland. Clear and frosty into early Tuesday then a front approaches from the west to bring snow later in the day and overnight into Wednesday, may clear into Wednesday daytime. 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.

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