

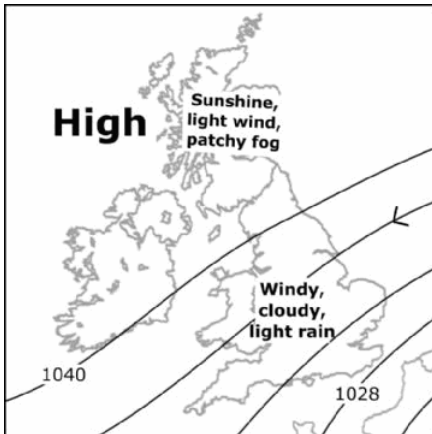
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Monday, 9 December, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 9 December, 2024

Calm and sunny conditions for the Highlands, some fog in the glens, plus frost. Chilly northeasterly winds for England & Wales, bringing cloud banks onto eastern hills and locally an odd light shower; dry and often sunny western areas.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Little wind. Dry, sunshine, patchy fog in glens.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 9 December, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Direction varied; 10mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	Negigible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation not expected
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any Possible fragments of fog on some slopes - higher mountains will be above this.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Almost certain
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine and excellent or superb visibility - above mist/fog in a few valleys.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0C - but above an inversion, warmer air on higher summits will extend downslope, rising to around +3C.
Freezing Level	Poorly defined freezing level: Partly frozen lower slopes after a frost. Above about 600m, terrain frozen.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 10 December	Wednesday 11 December
How windy? (On the Munros)	Variable direction; less than 10mph.	Variable or westerly 10mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible	Negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain	Dry
Cloud on the hills?	Mountains clear	Little or none Possible banks of cloud drifting around some northern corries. Fog in some valleys.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Above 90%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine and superb visibility.	Sunshine and excellent visibility, above patchy fog lower slopes.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6C (lower slopes colder).	6C (warmer than lower slopes).
Freezing Level	Above the summits: but nearly all terrain frozen from valleys up after a frost.	Terrain widely at least partly frozen, with frost in the glens.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 10 December, 2024

High pressure centred over Scotland will dominate the weather until later this week. Winds gradually ease over England and Wales, whilst almost calm across much of Scotland. It will be extensively dry. Frost in valleys and glens most night, plus areas of low-level fog. Higher terrain substantially frozen, although air temperature will be several degrees above freezing above an inversion. Toward next weekend, as the high weakens and moves south, rain bearing fronts and stronger winds will increasingly affect at least northern Britain. Temperatures likely to fluctuate with some periods of thaw, but possibly still often sub-zero at least on Scottish mountains during mid-December.

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