

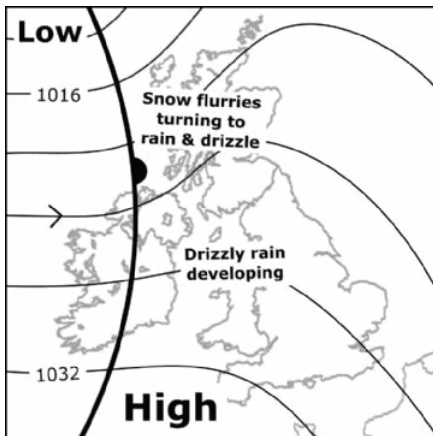
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 23 December, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 December, 2024

A warm front arriving from the west brings rain preceded by snow or freezing rain on higher slopes - later much milder, well above freezing to all tops. A brief lull, but winds strengthening during the day in Scotland. Windy from dawn Pennines & Wales then a brief lull develops here during day.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Wind increasing afternoon, snow flurries then rain arriving.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 23 December, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	West later southwesterly; a lull to around 20mph morning, then strengthening during afternoon toward 35 or by dusk 40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small, but changing during afternoon to considerable wind chill and more strenuous walking by dusk.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow flurries, rain later in day Dry most or all morning, then rain, or temporarily snow or refrozen rain above 600m, spreading east by middle of day into afternoon. Damp to high tops by evening.
Cloud on the hills?	Confined to higher tops; highest cloud base south of Cairngorms Cloud lifting to above 900 to 1100m for a few hours, and in Cairngorms NP briefly lifting above 1200m. Deteriorating afternoon as cloud fills in above 600-800m in precipitation.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%, dropping to 10% later
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine as cloud thickens from west. Visibility excellent, reducing as precipitation develops.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C rising to 0 to 2C toward dusk; then 6C+ into night. Will feel as cold as minus 7C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	700m, starting to transition to above the summits toward evening.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 24 December	Wednesday 25 December
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 50 to 60mph. Very difficult conditions where exposed on higher areas; significant wind chill and walking strenuous; balance/foot placement not easy.	Southwesterly 45mph up to 60mph Cairngorm plateau with sudden gusts downslope toward east. Arduous walking, balance very difficult on exposed higher terrain, gusts may knock you over. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain, mainly west of A9 Raining on and off west of A9. Progressively less wet east across Cairngorms NP; rarely raining near and east of Braemar.	Little or no rain Feeling damp with spots in the wind at times especially southwest Cairngorms and west of A9. Generally dry east & north.
Cloud on the hills?	Blanket of cloud across the mountains. Cloud base widely 500 to 700m, although breaks to 900, perhaps 1050m on summits accessible from Deeside.	Persistent west & southern areas Covering most higher slopes, lowest bases from Ben Alder to southern Cairngorms 500 to 700m. Toward northeast mostly above 900m, possibly substantial breaks areas toward Glenmore to Lecht.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Less than 10%	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine here and there lower slopes, most likely Deeside. Poor visibility in rain, mostly very good or excellent Deeside.	Overcast, dull toward west, local glimpses of sun Deeside to northeast Cairngorms. Visibility good below cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	7C. Will feel as cold as minus 9C where exposed to the wind Above the summits.	5C, locally warmer eastern areas. Wind chill makes it feel as cold as -10C. Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 24 December, 2024

West to southwesterly winds prevail through Christmas, gales over higher terrain, strongest in Scotland. The wind likely eases into Boxing Day as high pressure expands northwards. Mild for all through midweek, damp across western hills with extensive very low cloud; recent snow cover continually melting. Higher cloud bases and brighter further east. A risk of westerly winds strengthening again into the weekend, particularly Scotland. Some indication of colder air returning from the northwest into the New Year period.

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