

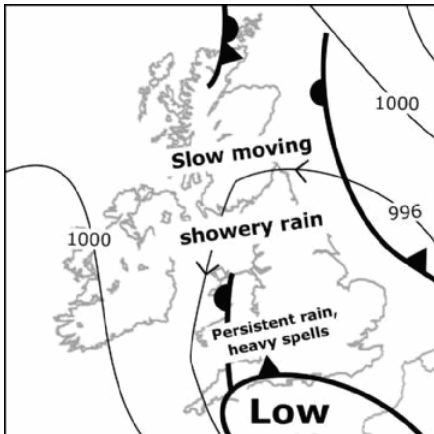
# Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Tuesday, 15 April, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 15 April, 2025**

Patchy rain and hill snow across Scotland. Cloud lifting and breaking, returning in showers. Patchy rain into England as well with more cloud here in the morning. Local slow-moving showery bursts into afternoon. Rain becoming persistent in south Wales and reaching north, becoming windy too with risk of gales here.

### Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Slow moving showers, snow on tops

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 15 April, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southerly 15mph or less in the morning. Gradually shifting westerly, then northwesterly by dusk, winds increasing around and after dusk to near 25mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Mostly small, evening increase in winds starting to affect comfortable walking.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Occasional snow on tops, local showers</b> Risk patchy rain or snow on the Munros in the morning, possibly for extended periods around dawn. By afternoon, few scattered slow-moving showers with possible hail.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Variable patches over higher areas</b> Patchy cloud banks around mid to upper slopes in the morning, lifting to higher tops with breaks forming. Banks more persistent east Cairngorms and Deeside. Returning and lowering during and just after showers.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Sun weak through high cloud, cloudier for periods. Visibility very good, reduced in precipitation, risk locally poor at times.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	2 or 3C, rising to 4C. Some warmer patches near 5C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	1000-1100m, or slightly higher in afternoon away from showers.

## Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 16 April	Thursday 17 April
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Very uncertain forecast detail: May be variable 10-15mph or less, but chance northerly 25-35mph. <b>Most likely small, but beware of stronger chillier winds at least part of the day.</b>	Westerly 15-25mph. Gradually shifting southwesterly and easing through the day. <b>Fairly small, higher winds starting to affect comfortable walking.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Risk persistent hill snow setting in</b> Highly uncertain: Possibly just patchy precipitation for a time, but increasing risk of more persistent rain and hill snow moving in from the south during the day.	<b>Some afternoon showers with hail</b> Substantially dry morning. Showers forming increasingly afternoon, sleet or snow on higher terrain. Risk heavy at times with hail.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>May often cover Cairngorms</b>  Cloud banks may shroud the Cairngorms much of the day, lowest in north. More widespread as precipitation develops.	<b>Banks on high terrain in showers</b>  Passing banks capping high tops with plenty of breaks. Cloud increasing through afternoon and bases briefly dropping to 900-1000m in passing showers.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Becoming 30%</b>	<b>80%, becoming 50%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun. Visibility often very good, but reducing where showers occur, risk more widely poor if hill snow sets in.	Some glimpses of sun where high cloud breaks. Good visibility, becoming very poor in sleet/snow showers.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b> <b>Freezing Level</b>	-1 to +2C. If stronger winds occur, chill factor feeling near to -10C. 800 to 1100m, lowest in the morning and around precipitation.	0C, rising to 3C, a degree warmer north of Cairngorm plateau. 900m, rising to near the summits

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 16 April, 2025

A highly complex weather situation during this week as areas of low pressure circulate slowly near or across the British Isles. A mix of showers with hail and snow on hills, but at times a risk of more persistent and widespread rain and hill snow - particularly Wednesday, but a similar risk continues into the Easter period. Occasional windows of dry and clear conditions locally. Wind speeds very variable, often light, but beware periods of strengthening markedly to gale force over the hills. Temperatures generally cool, particularly compared to recent times, often near or below freezing on higher mountains.

### Forecast issued at 16:30 on Monday, 14 April, 2025

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