

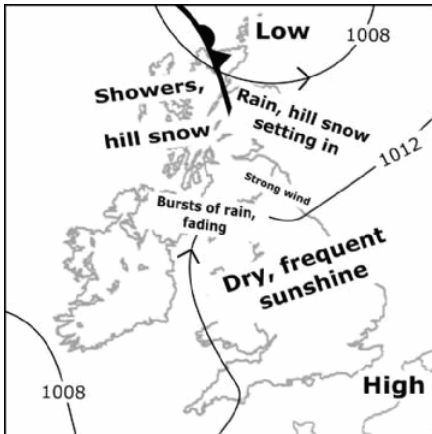
# Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Thursday, 17 April, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 17 April, 2025

Snow setting in for a time over the Munros in Scotland, staying sub-zero on high tops. Showery in the Southern Uplands. Windy with bursts of rain in north England, fading through afternoon as cloud lifts and breaks. Mostly dry with a brisk breeze south Pennines and Wales with frequent sunshine.

### Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Widespread rain/hill snow setting in for a time.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 17 April, 2025

<p><b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>Westerly 15-25mph in the morning. Strongest winds in the north with risk of sudden strong moments up to 35mph at dawn. Becoming mostly 15-20mph afternoon, with further easing around dusk.</p> <p><b>Fairly small. In the morning, some winds affecting comfortable walking in the north with risk of sudden balance challenges for a time.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p><b>Widespread rain and hill snow for a time afternoon</b></p> <p>Showery rain and hill snow at dawn, soon fading. Rain and snow arrive from the south early afternoon quickly becoming widespread for several hours. Breaking up to only patchy showers by dusk.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p> <p><b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b></p>	<p><b>Fairly extensive</b></p> <p>Fairly extensive over highest terrain at dawn, then lowering through midday as rain sets in, bases around 800-900m. Bases rise again towards high tops with breaks as dusk approaches.</p> <p><b>40%</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Little or no sun. Visibility poor on high tops, very poor in snow.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b></p> <p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>-1C to +1C Feeling like -8C in direct wind.</p> <p>800m at dawn, rising to around 1000m but variable as precipitation comes and goes</p>

## Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Friday 18 April	Saturday 19 April
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Easterly 15-25mph. Briefly southeasterly at dawn.	Generally easterly 15mph or less. Possibly a lull in the afternoon.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking starting to be impeded with stability challenges on exposed terrain. Notable wind chill.</b>	<b>Small</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Little rain expected</b> Substantially dry, a few light showers here and there afternoon.	<b>No rain expected</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Intermittent cloud caps eastern tops</b>  Cloud caps come and go over high terrain of Cairngorm plateau and high tops of Deeside. Breaks to highest tops will be common.	<b>Fairly extensive early, lifting</b>  Misty glens and corries at dawn. Fairly extensive cloud decks around middle slopes, rising through the day with bases settling near high tops in the afternoon, often breaking. Bases lower northern slopes of Cairngorms.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>20%, becoming 70%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of weak sun through high cloud. Visibility mostly good.	Intermittent sun, sometimes weakened by high cloud. Poor visibility early, becoming excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	2 to 3C Wind chill -5 to -8C.	-1 or 0C at dawn. Rising towards +2, though staying near freezing in eastern areas.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	1100-1200m	Around 900m at dawn. Rising to the summits or just above, though staying near 1000m east Cairngorms and Deeside.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 18 April, 2025

Several cores of low pressure are circulating around the British Isles through the weekend and into next week. Western areas are likely to see rain with a few stray showers into the east. High pressure will briefly build in on Easter, settling the weather momentarily. Southern areas will see showers into early next week and low pressure will become dominant in the Atlantic, which may push several bands of rain eastward toward the British Isles, though details remain uncertain at this point. Temperatures will be near average or slightly cooler, depending on the position of low pressure.

### Forecast issued at 16:28 on Wednesday, 16 April, 2025

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