

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

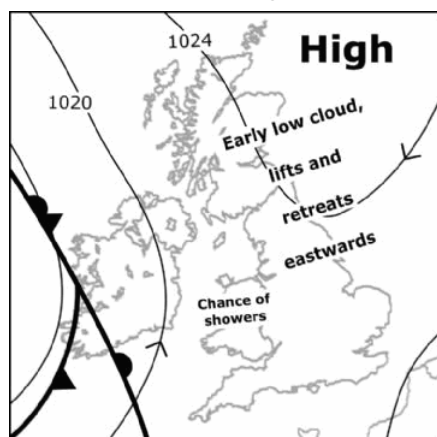
Cairngorms National Park and Monadhliath. Also includes the Ben Alder area hills between Loch Eriicht and Loch Laggan.



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General Summary for Thursday, 24 April, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 24 April, 2025

Low cloud from the North Sea covering all but some western mountains widely from dawn will gradually clear as it retreats eastwards into the middle of the day, some patches may remain on eastern slopes. Sunny most or all day western coasts. Small risk an afternoon shower.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Low cloud lifting to give patches of sun. Fairly light wind.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 24 April, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	East to southeasterly 10-15mph, increasing a little toward evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain unlikely Possible fine drizzle in cloud. Small risk of an isolated afternoon shower.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Higher areas above the cloud Cloud widespread morning between about 450m and 900/1000m - higher summits frequently above the cloud. From late morning or midday will progressively break up: very little left by mid or late afternoon. Becoming greater than 90% (cloud lower down particularly morning)
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of sunshine.. Misty start in places; visibility then excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	2C rising to 5C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, but slight frost some sheltered higher and lower slopes at dawn.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Friday 25 April	Saturday 26 April
How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southeasterly 20-30mph, gusty over exposed high terrain.	Southerly 15 to 25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking becoming impeded, stability may be challenged in strongest direct wind. Feeling chilly.	Fairly small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Chance afternoon patchy rain Substantially dry, but occasional light rain may develop near and west of the A9 into the afternoon.	A little rain, risk a showery burst Patchy rain and drizzle, mostly southern Cairngorms in the morning. May largely fade out, but risk an odd burst of rain almost anywhere into afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Low cloud mostly south, breaks north Cloud banks to mid-slopes from dawn across south Cairngorms and Deeside, clearer in the north. Rising to upper slopes with breaks toward the tops. Patches may come and go over southern summits.	Most persistent south, rising during day Covering most or all hills in the morning, cloud banks at various heights, lowest and most persistent from Ben Alder to southern Cairngorms NP. Rising to upper slopes with breaks above 1000m afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Intermittent sun lower slopes north of Cairngorm plateau, weakening as high cloud thickens. Visibility very good out of cloud.	Glimpses of sun into the afternoon. Misty start especially toward south; visibility improving to become very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3 or 4C, locally rising to 6C toward north. Feeling as cold as -5C in direct wind.	5C
Freezing Level	Above the summits. Slight frost at dawn some glens.	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 25 April, 2025

Weak fronts will encroach from the Atlantic by Friday into the weekend, bringing more humid air, with low cloud and patchy rain or drizzle, local showery bursts. Possibility of more persistent rain in western Scotland by Sunday with stronger southwesterly winds for a time. Generally mild, or increasingly warm into early next week as southerly air prevails. High pressure rebuilding with a good deal of dry and sunny weather expected next week into the start of May.

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