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Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

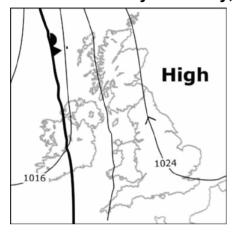
Cairngorms National Park and Monadhliath. Also includes the Ben Alder area hills between Loch Ericht and Loch Laggan.



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General Summary for Friday, 25 April, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 25 April, 2025

Most mountain areas becoming fine and warm as patches of early morning low cloud disperse. However, a front approaching western Scotland will bring strengthening wind, thickening cloud and then rain to more western mountains.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Fairly light wind. Low cloud, mainly southern hills in Cairngorms NP.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 25 April, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly typically 15 to 20mph, but locally 30mph in gusts, particularly around Cairngorm plateau and N Monadhliath.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small, but locally gusty (in places reaching lower slopes).
How wet?	Rain very unlikely
(Precipitation and its impact)	Toward dusk, chance of a few spots of rain west of A9.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive low cloud breaking up northward toward Cairngorms and Monadhliath.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Ben Alder and southern summits in Cairngorms NP: Low cloud, base 400-600m morning, tending to rise a little through day - perhaps breaking up west of A9. Elsewhere: Patches covering some slopes morning will more or less all lift above the summits by afternoon - perhaps persisting Lochnagar. 20% south to 80% Monadhliath; Cairngorms and Deeside.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Ranging from mostly cloudy S Cairngorms NP west toward Ben Alder to periods of sun elsewhere. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	2C, where in cloud; as high as 10C afternoon in sunshine.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

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Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

Sunday 27 April
South to southwesterly, in the range 30 to perhaps 40mph Cairngorm plateau.
Expect considerable buffeting and wind chill where exposed on higher areas.
Rain on and off
Confidence low: Occasional rain, perhaps amounting to very little indeed, particularly east of A9.
Most summits frequently or persistently covered.
Generally cloud base rising from 450 to 700m east from Ben Alder to southern summits in Cairngorms NP. Cloud base rising northward toward 900 to 1100m Monadhliath, Cairngorms and Deeside.
30%
Rare sunshine lower slopes near the Spey, east to Deeside. in rain, misty, although otherwise very good visibility.
5C, but will feel as cold as minus 5C directly in the wind.
Above the summits.
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Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 26 April, 2025

The remnants of fronts will bring patches of rain and low cloud to most mountain areas on Saturday before tending to become confined to Scotland on Sunday (when the exact detail as yet uncertain). The rain may linger across NW Scotland into Monday before very warm dry air extends north across all mountains.

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