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# **Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath**

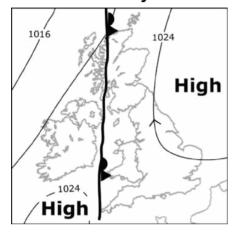
Cairngorms National Park and Monadhliath. Also includes the Ben Alder area hills between Loch Ericht and Loch Laggan.



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# General Summary for Saturday, 26 April, 2025



# British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 26 April, 2025

Rain and low cloud will reach mainly western mountains ahead of a weakening front. Generally a slow improvement through the day as the rain increasingly fizzles out and away from south facing coastal hills, cloud base rises. Blustery Scottish Highlands, particularly NW.

## Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Slowly improving: Rain tending to fizzle, cloud base rising.

# Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 26 April, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly 20 to on higher tops 25mph or perhaps 30mph Cairngorm plateau.	
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly fairly small; perhaps notable buffeting Cairngorm plateau.	
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain on and off, mainly morning.  Rain now and again, mainly morning west of A9.  Very little at all toward Deeside.	
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive on higher areas  Cloud base generally 600 to 950m; highest northward across Monadhliath and N Cairngorms.  There will be a trend toward higher bases through the day.	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun, mainly afternoon lower slopes Spey, Cairngorms and Deeside.  Misty, murky in rain, but otherwise visibility often excellent.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	6C	
Freezing Level	Above the summits	

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#### Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 27 April	Monday 28 April
How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southwesterly, in the range 30 to 40mph Cairngorm plateau.	Southwesterly between 30 and near Cairngorm plateau 50mph, where very gusty.
Effect of wind on you?	Expect considerable buffeting and wind chill where exposed on higher areas.	Considerable buffeting and wind chill where exposed. Sudden gusts could unbalance, or blow you over, even on some lower slopes.
How wet?	Rain occasionally, mainly west of A9	A little rain - hardly any Cairngorms
(Precipitation and its impact)	Occasional rain, amounting to very little west of A9. Light rain rarely elsewhere.	West of A9 and southern Cairngorms NP: Rain and drizzle will tend to ease to a few patches or perhaps completely dry - although timing of the improvement very uncertain. Elsewhere: A little rain, if any, rarely.
Cloud on the hills?	Most summits frequently or persistently covered.	Very extensive, particularly more southern mountains morning
	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.	Cloud base will tend to rise from south to north and also through the day. Ben Alder east to S Cairngorms NP: Persistent fog above 400 to 600m will tend to lift slowly toward 600 to 900m although speed of change uncertain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare sunshine lower slopes near the Spey, east to Deeside. in rain, misty, although otherwise very good visibility.	Occasional sunshine, mainly lower slopes near and east of A9. Visibility mostly very good, but dropping in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6C, but will feel as cold as minus 5C directly in the wind.	7C Will feel as cold as minus 5C directly in the wind near the coast,
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits

# **Planning Outlook**

## All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 27 April, 2025

Much of Britain will be fine and sunny through much of next week. Temperatures, after being very warm, could well drop markedly on Thursday (Scotland) or Friday (England and Wales). Westerly winds in N Scotland may well maintain more mixed weather here, with occasional rain and cloud across higher summits.

#### Forecast issued at 14:01 on Friday, 25 April, 2025

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