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Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

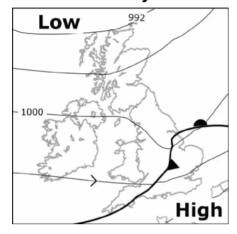
Cairngorms National Park and Monadhliath. Also includes the Ben Alder area hills between Loch Ericht and Loch Laggan.



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General Summary for Thursday, 5 June, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 5 June, 2025

Still cold, particularly Scottish Highlands where in morning higher summits below freezing point. Here showery, particularly NW - hail, and snow higher tops. Further south rain on and off morning before improving to sunshine and scattered showers. Much less windy - still strongest N Scotland.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Wind slowly easing. Showers, mainly afternoon; hail and sleet higher up.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 5 June, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Between west and southwest in morning 25 to 30mph, but from afternoon 25mph Cairngorm plateau and 20mph elsewhere; gusty near showers.		
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small by afternoon.		
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, mainly afternoon; driest toward Deeside Occasional showers, some west of A9 morning and by afternoon scattered heavy showers elsewhere - fewest showers eastern summits Cairngorms NP. Hail higher slopes and sleet/snow above 900m morning, 1200m afternoon.		
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Mostly confined to higher tops Cloud base will rise during morning. From midday, west of A9 cloud base ranging between 700 to 1000m, lowest near showers, whilst progressively east toward Deeside cloud base will rise to 900 to 1200m. 20%		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine although progressively sunnier east across Cairngorms NP. Very good visibility but temporarily poor in precipitation.		
How Cold? (at 900m)	4C. Will feel near or below -4C in the wind.		
Freezing Level	1200m at first; above the summits by afternoon.		

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Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Friday 6 June	Saturday 7 June
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West backing southwesterly 10 to 15mph Small or negligible	Direction varied, 10mph or less morning. From the west becoming northwesterly 10 to perhaps 15mph. Small or negligible.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy showers, mainly afternoon. Hail. Showers: very few morning, then through	Heavy slow moving showers; thunder Risk rain here and there until late morning.
	afternoon showers more widely, some heavy. Hail, and snow above about 1050m.	Then heavy showers forming and drifting about only slowly. Hail and on highest tops sleet. Small risk thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Clearing most, perhaps nearly all summits by afternoon	Summits cloud free for periods, but forming widely in heavy rain.
	Cloud base rising; by late morning most cloud above or well above 1200m.	Confidence in detail low: Many summits probably clearing for periods as through morning cloud base rises. But in rain, very varied as patches form from lower slopes up, particularly above forest canopies - whilst in other areas breaks persist to higher slopes.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70% by midday	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of sunshine, although cloud tending to fill in at times afternoon. Excellent visibility - temporarily poor in precipitation.	Sunshine coming through only rarely. Excellent or superb visibility in very clear air, but expect areas of very poor visibility in and after rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C rising to 9C.	3C rising to 7C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Just above highest tops.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 6 June, 2025

Remaining chilly until Sunday night (intermittently near freezing point highest Scottish summits). Rainfall and low cloud will remain frequent across particularly western mountains until well into next week. Intermittently windy.

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