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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.

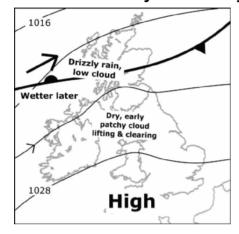


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General Summary for Monday, 16 June, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 16 June, 2025

A front draped over the Highlands brings low cloud and drizzly rain to western areas, heavier rain pushing northwards in the afternoon. Southwesterly winds will strengthen later in Scotland, becoming gales on higher mountains by evening. Dry with sunny spells and cloud clearing the tops in England & Wales.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Windy on hills, strengthening later. Drizzle west, cloud breaks east.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 16 June, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West then southwesterly, 25-30mph - up to 35-40mph around Cairngorm plateau at dawn; lower speeds for a time middle of day, then toward evening increasing again to around 40mph, or 50mph into night. Expect increasing buffeting with height, although moderating for a time during middle of daytime, becoming more arduous later in day. Considerable wind chill.	
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly rain mostly west Occasional drizzly rain, mostly on hills near and west of the A9, locally more persistent for periods around Ben Alder. Little if any reaching Deeside.	
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Mostly higher areas and in west Most cloud above 800 to 1000m, lowering further locally west of the A9 during rain. Bases rising east and northwards, and tending to drift higher during day, clearing above 1200m for periods, especially afternoon. 30% west, to 70% further east/north.	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy, some sun through high cloud, mainly northeastern areas. Visibility very good below cloud, locally mistier Drumochter hills.	
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	9C rising to 12C afternoon. Will feel only just above freezing point directly in the wind. Above the summits.	

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Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 17 June	Wednesday 18 June
How windy? (On the Munros)	West to southwesterly 20 to 30mph, risk over 40mph around dawn on higher Cairngorms.	West to southwesterly 25mph, but for periods 30-35mph higher Cairngorms.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery on higher terrain, likely more arduous conditions at first. Noticeable wind chill.	Blustery over the mountains, may start to affect comfortable walking where exposed. Feeling noticeably chilly.
How wet?	Early showers fading	Little or no rain
(Precipitation and its impact)	Showery rain early morning, most frequent toward western side of Cairngorms, clearing during morning to become largely dry and just a rare brief shower.	Possibly occasional drizzle toward or west of the A9.
Cloud on the hills?	Lifting above summits	Mostly tops toward west
	Variable cloud above 900m early morning, mostly areas toward and west of the A9. Bases rising to higher slopes then increasingly breaking and leaving most cloud above the tops.	Banks of cloud mostly western Cairngorms and hills west of the A9, bases around 800m at times, rising mostly above 1000m. More often above tops further eastwards.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of sun coming through. Visibility becoming excellent.	Glimpses of sun, best in east. Visibility very good below cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	7C, rising to 10C in east afternoon. Feeling sub-zero directly in the wind early in day.	6C, slight rise, up to 9C in east afternoon. Feeling sub-zero in wind, nearer -5C high tops in morning.
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 17 June, 2025

Humid southwesterly winds early this week brings low cloud and spells of drizzly rain to western hills. High pressure to the south will tend to expand northwards during midweek, with dry conditions and warm air for all regions, sunshine and fair-weather cloud. Winds becoming light south to southeasterlies later in the week. Uncertainty by next weekend into early the following week, a risk of some rain or showers returning as pressure tends to fall.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Sunday, 15 June, 2025

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