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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.

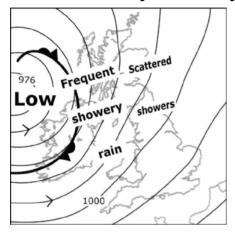


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General Summary for Sunday, 31 August, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 31 August, 2025

Low pressure southwest of the Hebrides, brings strong to gale force southerly winds; marked chill. Showery rain frequent on western hills from west Highlands to Snowdonia, with showers increasingly developing elsewhere. Hill fog varied, but extensive west/southern Highlands. Highest cloud bases in northern Scotland.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Southerly gales, significant chill. Showers developing. Best breaks in the north.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 31 August, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly, 35 to 50mph, but on highest Cairngorms at times 60mph, at least in gusts.		
Effect of wind on you?	Arduous walking conditions widely, often difficult mobility on highest terrain, gusts could knock you over. Significant wind chill.		
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery rain increasingly, driest in north. Patches of rain in the morning, mostly near and west of the A9, but showers developing more widely with time, some heavy bursts locally, especially afternoon. Northern areas may stay dry well into day.		
Cloud on the hills?	Varied over high tops Cloud base varying, mostly above 800-1000m, lowest toward west and south of Cairngorms NP and during rain. Good breaks for periods to 1200m or above northern areas.		
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40% in the south, 70% in the north.		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional glimpses of sun mostly northern areas. Visibility good away from showers, but general slight haze.		
How Cold? (at 900m)	8 or 9C, little change all day. Wind chill feeling like -5C in exposure, nearer -8C highest summits.		
Freezing Level	Above the summits		

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Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Monday 1 September	Tuesday 2 September
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeast turning southerly, 25 to 45mph, speed likely to vary; shifting southwesterly by dusk.	Southwesterly 20 to 30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Frequent buffeting, strenuous walking over exposed high terrain, affecting balance on ridges. Considerable wind chill.	Rather blustery with a marked wind chill and some buffeting at times.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy showers, hail and thunder	Scattered showers increasingly
	Local showery rain already early morning, becoming increasingly widely showery. Heavy bursts with hail, risk of lightning.	Isolated patchy rain at first, mainly west of A9, will break up into more widely areas of showery rain, some heavy. Driest for easternmost hills.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied over higher tops	Occasionally capping tops
	Cloud banks mostly above 800 to 1000m, most frequent southern Cairngorms, but covering tops widely in rain. Some breaks occasionally above higher summits, most often toward Strathspey.	Occasionally capping higher tops, especially hills near and west of the A9 during rain.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mostly morning in north. Visibility very good away from rain.	Glimpses of sun, most frequent in the east. Visibility often very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	8 to 10C. Feeling sub-zero directly in the wind, near -5C high tops.	9 to 11C
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 1 September, 2025

Low pressure continues to dominate early in the new week, maintaining unsettled conditions widely. Areas of rain and heavy showers, risk of hail and thunder. Windy, gales over mountains early in the week, tending to ease for periods at least in the Highlands mid-late week, whilst southwesterlies often remain strong over England and Wales. Some improvement possible toward next weekend, though the extended outlook into the second week of September remains changeable. Mid-September shows signs of a better improvement as pressure tends to rise more widely.

Forecast issued at 16:26 on Saturday, 30 August, 2025

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