

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

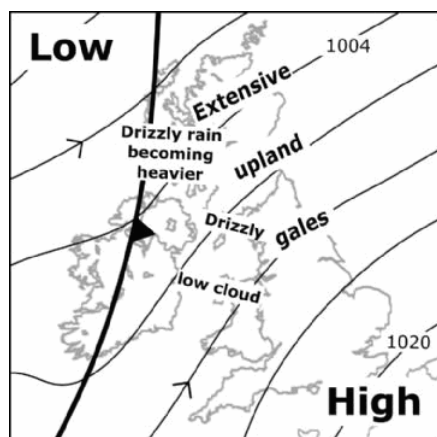
Cairngorms National Park and Monadhliath. Also includes the Ben Alder area hills between Loch Ericht and Loch Laggan.



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General Summary for Thursday, 11 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 December, 2025

Gale force winds across most hills and mountains, severe gales high Scottish tops particularly morning in west, powerful gusts downslope in places. Low cloud and some drizzly rain west, mostly dry east/northeast. More persistent rain develops for western Scotland afternoon onward.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Upland gales, severe high tops. Patchy rain moving in later.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 11 December, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	South-southwesterly 45 to 60mph, up to 70mph at times higher Cairngorms, some moderating of speeds during afternoon. Lowering further onward into night.
Effect of wind on you?	Widely arduous walking over the hills, but more difficult conditions in places on higher mountains, some strong gusts downslope. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no rain until later Spots of rain in the wind at times, but amounting to little, toward east more often dry all day. During afternoon through to dusk, some steadier rain develops from west.
Cloud on the hills?	Covering many tops, lowest south/west, breaks north Banks of cloud over higher slopes, lowest Drumochter around to areas accessed from Braemar, but clinging over most of Cairngorms. Best breaks northward. Lowering in west in rain later.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50% dropping to 20% later
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A little sun mostly toward north in morning. Slight haze possible, but mostly good visibility below cloud, reducing in rain toward southwest.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4C, slight drop into night to 2C. Feeling near -10C in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, then lowering to 1100-1200m onward into night.

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 12 December, 2025

Staying unsettled into the weekend and beyond as southwesterly winds prevail and low pressure systems pass to the northwest of Scotland; sustained gales over the mountains, severe or stormy for periods. Temperatures only just below freezing intermittently on higher Scottish tops, even here will experience spells above freezing with thawing, any lying snow patchy, but beware some icy surfaces on the very highest tops where some refreezing occurs. Rainfall will be frequent and heavy for periods, sometimes showery with hail. Expect very wet ground conditions and further flooding of streams and some rivers.

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