

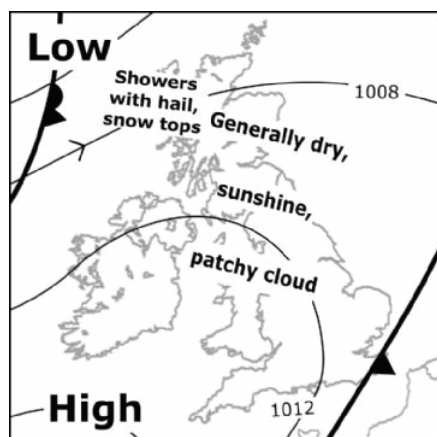
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Tuesday, 16 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 December, 2025

Showery in western Scotland, with hail, snow on higher mountains; fewer showers eastwards, more sun and higher cloud breaks. Strongest winds in NW Highlands, up to gale force tops. England and Wales largely dry and bright, patchy cloud western tops.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Blustery winds over hills. Largely dry, cloud breaks best N/E.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 16 December, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 25 to 35mph, strongest north Cairngorms and Monadhliath. Strengthening onward into night to gales, further into night reaching 50-70mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery and starting to affect comfortable walking and balance on exposed higher terrain, considerable wind chill. Deteriorating into night.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Local showers west Occasional brief showers mostly toward Ben Alder, falling as snow flurries above 800-900m, chance of hail. Substantially dry much of Cairngorms NP.
Cloud on the hills?	Patches some slopes, clearer north/east Patchy cloud banks likely to drift over some higher slopes, mostly above 800-900m in the southwestern Cairngorms to Ben Alder, but good breaks likely. More often clear to tops further east and north.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% Ben Alder area, up to 70% N/E Cairngorms.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine most frequent north/east, glimpses elsewhere. Visibility excellent out of cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 to 1C. Feeling like -10C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	900 to 1000m, beware icy surfaces on tops. Slight frost sheltered glens in morning.

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All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 17 December, 2025

An unsettled southwesterly weather pattern continues mid-late this week. On Wednesday, another system sweeps in from the Atlantic bringing further rain and gales. Showery conditions then persist in western Scotland, with hail and snow on high tops. Scottish mountains often near or below freezing above 900m, only brief thawing higher up. Meanwhile, England and Wales stay mild midweek with more heavy rain likely into Thursday, then lowering to freezing on high tops for periods from Friday. A change of weather pattern is likely in the run up to Christmas, as high pressure builds northward, bringing drier weather, fog and frost more common.

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