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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.

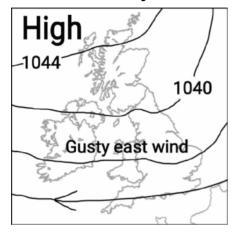


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General Summary for Saturday, 27 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 27 December, 2025

Chilly easterly winds, strongest and gustiest Wales, with extensive cloud sheet eastern and into central areas, with some patchy light precipitation. Sun best western hills, and also where tops breaks above an inversion around 1000m. Terrain partly frozen, morning frost valleys; but up to plus 5C western tops above inversion.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Chilly east wind. Cloud banks between 500-1000m, tops above into sun.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 27 December, 2025

| How windy? (On the Munros) | East to northeasterly 20 to 25mph, stronger gusts around some slopes risk over 30mph, not just highest tops. | |
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| Effect of wind on you? | Blustery in places, more noticeable locally and giving a distinct chill. | |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Rare light precipitation Largely dry; a few brief spots of light rain, or snow grains on some slopes. | |
| Cloud on the hills? | ? Fairly extensive morning, then breaking, tops above cloud. | |
| | Cloud banks between 500 and 1000m, most persistent in morning, may tend to break up; higher tops generally above cloud above around 1000m. | |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | 60%, highest tops 80% | |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Mix of cloud and sun, but high tops may be generally sunny. Visibility excellent out of cloud. | |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | -1 to 2C, coolest north; slightly warmer on highest tops above an inversion; around 1000m. Feeling like -7 to -10C in stronger wind. | |
| Freezing Level | Varied partly frozen terrain, including frost into the glens, but above freezing some mid-slopes and on highest tops. | |

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Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

| | Sunday 28 December | Monday 29 December |
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| How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you? | North to northeasterly or variable, 10mph or less. Small | Northeast 15 to 25mph, may be calm over tops early in day above inversion, before wind picks up as inversion breaks down. Mostly small, but considerable wind chill where exposed to the wind. |
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| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Dry all day | A little patchy precipitation from cloud Mostly dry, but scope for a little patchy spots of light rain or snow grains from the banks of low cloud. |
| Cloud on the hills? | None expected | Cloud banks, tops initially clear above. |
| | Fog patches some glens, perhaps an odd pocket of mist in some corries. Otherwise the mountains clear. | Cloud banks from 500-1000m, highest tops may be clear for a time, before banks lift onto all higher terrain above 700m. Best breaks and patchier cloud in west. |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | Above 90% | 30% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Widely sunny. Visibility excellent. | Mostly dull, clearer with sunshine in southwest, and perhaps tops for a time. Visibility mostly very good, away from any precipitation. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | 3C, inversion conditions - hills warmer than lower slopes all day - up to 5C highest summits. | Around 0C |
| Freezing Level | Frost in glens and lower slopes, also in some upland hollows and corries, all day out of sunlight; above freezing on tops. | Morning frost in glens/corries and initially tops above inversion, plus 2C, but turning colder on tops as freezing level stabilises |

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 28 December, 2025

Next week, high pressure still dominates, but generally colder air becoming entrained into its circulation from the north, which sees lower temperatures on high terrain, sub-zero over most mountains through New Year. Small amounts of precipitation, occasional showers or snow flurries, winds north or northwesterly.

Forecast issued at 16:22 on Friday, 26 December, 2025

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