

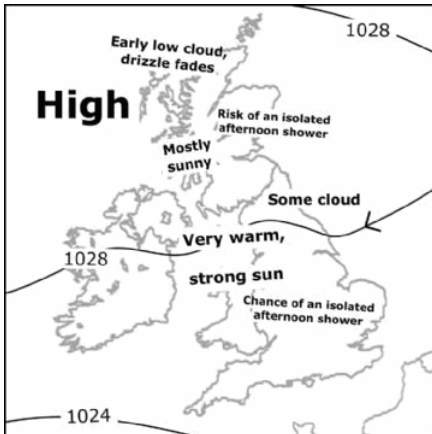
# Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 26 May, 2026



### British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 26 May, 2026

Low cloud and early drizzle in northwest Scotland, improving with cloud thinning and breaking, but staying cool toward the far north. Very warm and sunny for England and Wales. Chance of isolated late heavy showers forming, but mostly dry.

### Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Soon fairly light wind. Hills largely clear. Risk a late shower.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 26 May, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Westerly 10 to 20mph at first, up to 25mph Cairngorm Plateau, but easing to 10mph or less by afternoon.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Blustery start, but soon becoming small as the winds ease out.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>An isolated shower possible later</b> Possibly an odd burst of rain forming later afternoon, mainly toward the south and east of the Cairngorms NP, drifting slowly westward into evening, but most places likely remain dry.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mostly little, some low cloud later east</b> Any patches or caps of cloud over the tops early in day all clearing leaving the mountains clear. Later in day, low cloud may drift in from the North Sea onto hills near Deeside, gradually extending inland.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>90% dropping by evening to 50% east</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Sun and thin high cloud, may cloud over into afternoon. Visibility very good or excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	7C at dawn, lifting to 11 to 13C by mid afternoon, warmest in southwest.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits

## Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 27 May	Thursday 28 May
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Varying in direction, or very weak south-southeasterly, 5 to 10mph, but perhaps flat calm for periods.  <b>Negligible</b>	South or southeasterly 15-25mph, may start less locally, but likely strengthening to gusty 35mph, risk over 40mph in east.  <b>Increasingly blustery, affecting ease of walking and balance on exposed terrain.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Most likely dry</b> Small risk of isolated spots of drizzle where in low cloud.	<b>Risk thundery rain late in day</b> Most likely only toward evening, chance of odd bursts of rain forming or moving in from the south, possibly thundery by dusk into night - the risk of rain then becomes greater especially west & southern areas.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Low cloud dispersing; hills then clear.</b>  Early patches or banks of low cloud, perhaps mist into the glens up to mid slopes; upper slopes clear above. Dispersing readily to leave hills clear.	<b>Little if any</b>  The mountains largely clear all day. Toward dusk onward, some ragged patches may form over tops.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>70% lifting to 90%</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine at first, mainly in west and over the upper slopes, but soon expanding to all slopes by midday. Visibility good or very good.	Sun and thin high cloud, tending to thicken during the day from the south. Visibility good, some haze.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	8C lifting to 10 to 14C, highest temperature Cairngorm Plateau over to Monadhliath.  Well above the summits	10 to 12C, rising to 14 to 16C, warmest north & west Cairngorms NP afternoon.  Well above the summits.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 27 May, 2026**

Very warm air extends into Scotland during midweek on southerly winds. Isolated bursts of rain form, greater risk toward Wales by Wednesday night, then drifting variably northward during Thursday daytime - some uncertain local detail and timing, but scattered thunderstorms are possible by this time. Winds also strengthening and becoming very gusty. Some rain in western Scotland by Thursday night which may linger into Friday here on westerly winds, but a fine end to the week for many places. Further rain and low cloud likely returns to western Scotland over the weekend, possible showers elsewhere. A more unsettled west-southwesterly pattern is likely into early June, cooler with rain and stronger winds for periods.

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