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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.

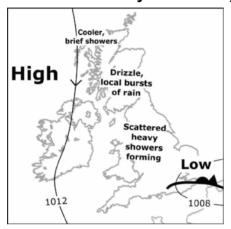




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General Summary for Monday, 6 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 6 May, 2024

Central, east and southern Scotland sees areas of rain from early in the day - these then redeveloping into local thundery downpours into afternoon. For England and Wales, scattered heavy and locally thundery showers also forming later. Winds fairly light overall. Varied cloud bases, limited sun.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Patchy rain, local heavy bursts, varied cloud. Wind mostly light.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 6 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Variable or northerly, 5 to 10mph, occasionally 15mph northern Cairngorms. Some spots calm for periods. Risk local sudden gusts of 25mph around heavy showers.		
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small		
How wet? (Precipitation and its	Patchy rain, local heavier bursts, mainly forming toward south afternoon. Remnants of previous thundery rain continuing overnight through to dawn with local		
impact)	bursts of rain, pockets of drizzly rain for a few hours. Into afternoon, risk of hit and miss thundery bursts forming again, mainly confined toward east and south of Cairngorms.		
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, some local breaks		
	Low cloud fairly widespread from dawn with varied banks from lower slopes upward. Slow rise in base, will allow some breaks, but patches filling in locally again where rain develops.		
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% rising to 60%		
Sunshine?	Mostly overcast with rare glimpses of sun.		
Air clarity (below cloud)	Hazy, with rather murky conditions, visibility may improve to become mostly good, but poor in rain.		
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 or 7C, then from dusk falling to 4C, or locally 2C into night northern areas.		
Freezing Level	Above the summits		

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Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 7 May	Wednesday 8 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Mostly variable 5-10mph or less. Possibly northerly 15-20mph at first toward northeastern Cairngorms. Mostly small	South to southwesterly 15 to 25mph, speeds tending to strengthen. Fairly small, but an increasing breeze may start to affect balance on exposed ridges.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzle fades, chance a shower Patchy drizzly rain in the morning, tending to fade out. Chance of localised showers forming into afternoon, mainly southern Cairngorms NP.	Rain unlikely
Cloud on the hills?	Lifting with increasing breaks Banks of cloud at various heights in the morning, patchy fog in some glens. Will lift toward higher slopes with some breaks forming toward tops, best later in day.	Many tops clearing Banks of cloud around some slopes in the morning, plus local mist some glens at first. Lifting toward higher tops with breaks forming to most summits.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, glimpses of sun. Misty early in the day, visibility becoming good.	Patchwork of sun, some high cloud may build from west. Visibility very good.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	3 to 6C. Above the summits	4 to 7C. Feeling near freezing on tops in increasing wind. Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 7 May, 2024

High pressure builds from the west to be centred over England and Wales into midweek. A fair amount of dry weather in the outlook which may well last through next weekend. Isolated afternoon showers some days. Some weak fronts drifting in from the Atlantic on southwesterly winds bring a risk of occasional rain to the West and Northwest Highlands, with mountains covered in cloud for periods here, especially near to coasts in west. Often dry with higher cloud bases toward the central and eastern Highlands. Briefly cooler in northern Scotland early in the week, but mostly fairly warm and winds often light.

Forecast issued at 16:10 on Sunday, 5 May, 2024

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