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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.

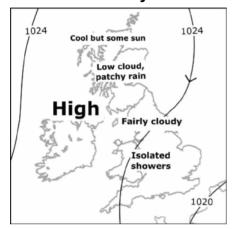


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General Summary for Tuesday, 7 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 7 May, 2024

High pressure extends in from the west, but remnants of previous showers leave a zone of low cloud and drizzly rain over central Scotland which may linger. Local showers forming. Brighter but rather cool for the northern Highlands. Fairly cloudy England & Wales, isolated showers. Light winds overall.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Cloudy, a little drizzle, risk a shower.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 7 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Mostly variable 5-10mph or less. Locally northerly 15-20mph at first toward northeastern Cairngorms.	
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small	
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.	
Cloud on the hills?	Varied low cloud; lifting with some breaks Banks of cloud at various heights in the morning, patchy fog in some glens. Clearer toward north. Cloud likely most persistent Glen Garry area. Will lift toward higher slopes with some breaks forming toward tops, best later in day.	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% rising to 70%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, glimpses of sun. Misty early in the day, visibility becoming good.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	2 to 4C, rising toward 6C afternoon.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits	

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Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 8 May	Thursday 9 May
How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southwesterly 20 to 25mph, speeds strengthening to 30-35mph higher Cairngorms summits.	West or southwesterly 15 to 25mph, or 30mph for a time early in the day.
Effect of wind on you?	Feeling increasingly breezy, may start to affect comfortable walking and balance on exposed ridges and summits.	Fairly small, but blustery for a time on higher terrain.
How wet?	Rain unlikely	Little or no rain
(Precipitation and its impact)		Risk of a little light rain or drizzle overnight and into morning, fading out. Chance of an isolated afternoon shower.
Cloud on the hills?	Many tops clearing	Mostly western areas, lifting
	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. Lowering cloud may cap tops near Ben Alder later.	Covering higher terrain most extensively toward western Cairngorms NP in the morning, patchier cloud over tops toward Deeside. Cloud bases tending to break toward many tops, may linger near the A9.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of sun, some high cloud builds from west, thickening later. Visibility very good.	Glimpses of sun through high cloud. Visibility mostly good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 to 9C. Feeling near freezing on tops in increasing wind.	8 to 10C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 8 May, 2024

High pressure is nearby during the week ahead, but weak fronts drifting in from the Atlantic on southwesterly winds bring periods of rain and drizzle to western Scotland - the mountains often covered in cloud here. Drier with higher cloud bases toward the central and eastern Highlands. England and Wales mostly dry, isolated showers, hills often clear, light winds and mild or increasingly warm. Dry and warm for much of Britain to start the weekend with southerly breezes, but a greater risk of some rain or showers by Sunday. Showery conditions more likely into the start of next week with lower pressure likely.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Monday, 6 May, 2024

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