

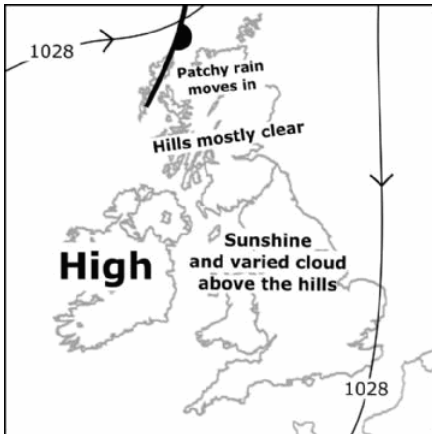
# Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 20 April, 2024



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 20 April, 2024**

Most places dry all day with variable cloud and sun. Winds fairly light, but feeling chilly if exposed over higher terrain. Locally breezier in northern Scotland. A weak front drifting in from the northwest brings a little rain or drizzle to the northern Highlands mainly into afternoon.

### Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Largely dry until late, varied cloud. Moderate breeze.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 20 April, 2024

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Northwesterly 15 to 25mph, typically strongest toward northeast Cairngorms NP, locally gusty around elevated passes.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Prepare for marked wind chill where exposed on higher terrain especially in the morning. Fairly small effect on walking many areas, but locally feeling blustery at times around some eastern tops.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Risk drizzly rain forming later.</b> Much of the daytime likely dry. By later afternoon, occasional spots of drizzle developing from the west, may become steadier drizzly rain in north later in day.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mostly very little, may form later</b> A little patchy cloud on some slopes in morning, mainly in northeast. Much cloud above the hills through the middle of the day, then some banks may start to form and drift onto higher slopes from the north later afternoon or evening.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Patchy sun in the morning, high cloud layers tending to thicken and increasingly cover the sky from the north. Visibility very good, may reduce later in north if drizzly rain arrives.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	Near/below 0C at first, 3 to 5C afternoon. Wind chill feeling like -8C early in day, around -3C afternoon.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	600 to 800m, plus frost in glens at first. Lifting gradually above freezing to all tops.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 21 April	Monday 22 April
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Variable and mostly low speeds, 10-15mph or less.	Northerly 25 to 35mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Small</b>	<b>Walking becoming uncomfortable on exposed terrain, some buffeting. Increasingly significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Little precipitation</b> Risk local pockets of drizzle mainly toward north and east in the morning. Chance of an isolated brief shower forming, perhaps a snow flurry on tops.	<b>Rain most frequent north, later snow</b> Patchy showery rain, may be more persistent northern Cairngorms for periods, later turning to snow flurries on the Munros.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Covering some slopes, may lift</b>  Banks of cloud around higher slopes in the morning, especially toward north and east where may linger. Some breaks forming toward the tops.	<b>Fairly extensive</b>  Covering the mountains much of the day, lowest cloud bases northern and eastern areas.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy, but some sun breaking through. Visibility very good.	Mostly cloudy. Visibility at times good, but poor in rain.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	Around 5C, locally 7C by afternoon.	4C dropping toward 0C from the north. Wind chill feeling like -5 to -8C, later -10C or below into evening.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits	Close to freezing on highest summits, then lowering into evening and night toward 800m from the north.

**Planning Outlook**

**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 21 April, 2024**

Into early next week, high pressure will be centred toward the northwest, with sunny spells and scattered light showers. Northerly winds bring lower temperatures into midweek, near or below freezing over higher terrain, coldest toward the east. Lowering pressure is expected later in the week, turning more widely showery again with upland snow, plus hail. Day-to-day variations in extent of showers and cloud amounts. Cool conditions are likely to continue toward the change of month into early May, at least in Scotland.

**Forecast issued at 16:00 on Friday, 19 April, 2024**

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