

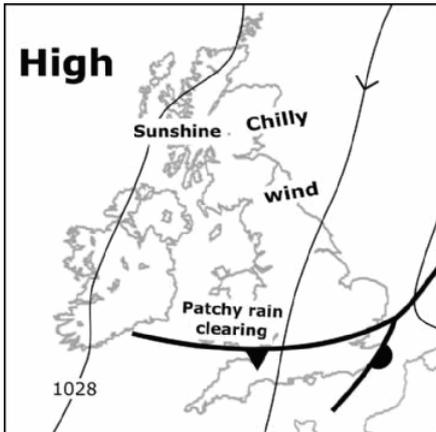
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 23 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 April, 2024

A cold northerly breeze - notable chill factor on the tops, particularly eastern areas. Feeling pleasant where sheltered in the sunshine, especially by afternoon, best in western Scotland. Most places dry all day, low risk of a brief light shower or flurry. Early showers clearing south across Wales.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Brisk chilly winds. Mostly dry, local patchy cloud and sunshine.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 23 April, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly, 25 to 35mph, strongest over higher Cairngorms and especially toward the east.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable wind chill over higher terrain. Blustery, some buffeting affecting comfortable walking on exposed tops.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rare if any light showers Isolated brief light showers or snow flurries on hills coming in from the north.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly toward north, many tops clear Banks of cloud most common over northern Cairngorms, bases rising during the day, may come and go for a few hours, clearing most tops into the afternoon. Often clearer near Drumochter all day.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60% northeast, to 90% near Ben Alder.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Broken cloud and sun, cloudier for periods toward the northeast; beware sunburn. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C rising to 0 to +2C. Wind chill feeling like -10C on the Munros, nearer -15C in stronger winds on higher Cairngorms at first.
Freezing Level	700-800m rising to 900 to 1100m, lowest toward northeastern Cairngorms. Frost in sheltered glens at first.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 24 April	Thursday 25 April
How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly 15 to 25mph, strongest eastern areas, may locally reach 30mph at times.	Northerly 15 to 25mph, strongest higher and eastern Cairngorms.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable wind chill across higher slopes. May just affect comfortable walking on some exposed tops.	Fairly small effect on walking most places, but continued considerable chill factor over higher terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rare showers Chance of a brief flurry of soft hail or snow.	Showers developing A scattering of showers forming increasingly during the day, with hail, plus snow flurries at times falling to mid-heights.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly little Occasional patches drifting over higher slopes in the morning, mainly northern Cairngorms. Cloud above most or all tops by afternoon.	Occasionally on higher areas Patches of cloud forming over some slopes in the morning, bases lifting toward the summits and many mountains will clear. Local fragments returning around showers.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Broken cloud and sun. Visibility excellent.	Variable cloud and sun, best in morning. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C rising to +2C. Wind chill feels like -10C in morning on high tops, -5C by afternoon.	-3C rising to 0 or +1C. Wind chill feeling like -7 to -12C, coldest in morning.
Freezing Level	600m in north and east in morning, plus frost in sheltered glens at first. Rising to 1000-1100m or locally higher afternoon.	600m plus frost in glens at first; rising toward 900m, locally above 1000m Drumochter area afternoon.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 24 April, 2024

Northerly breezes continue into midweek, feeling distinctly chilly over higher terrain - temperatures will fluctuate from below freezing in the morning, to a few degrees above into the afternoon for a few days - coldest toward the east and northeast. Sunny spells with excellent visibility, mixed with scattered brief showers or snow flurries. Lowering pressure Thursday into Friday, turning more widely showery again with hail and snow on some hills, but winds fairly light. A risk of a rain system spiraling across Britain over the weekend, upland snow for a time, accompanied by stronger east to southeasterly winds.

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