

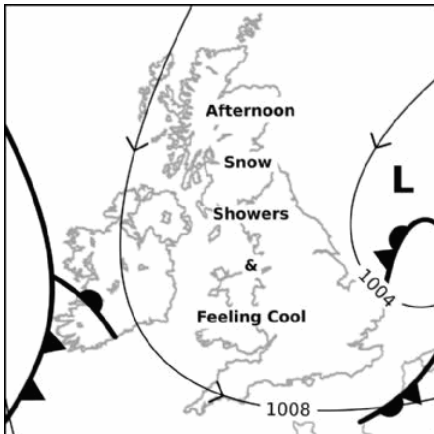
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Cairngorms National Park and Monadhliath. Also includes the Ben Alder area hills between Loch Erich and Loch Laggan.



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General Summary for Thursday, 25 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 25 April, 2024

Cold day across the UK with many areas having northerly winds. Increasing risk of showers in the afternoon in all areas, falling as snow or hail on high ground. Many summits clear or soon clear except for fragments of cloud forming during showers, particularly in the afternoon.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Afternoon snow showers on high ground

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 25 April, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly 15 to 25mph, strongest higher and eastern Cairngorms. Easing from the west in the afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small effect on walking most places, but continued considerable chill factor over higher terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers developing A scattering of showers forming increasingly during the day and especially mid-afternoon. Hail, plus snow flurries at times falling to mid-heights.
Cloud on the hills?	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%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Variable cloud and sun, best in morning. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3C rising to 0 or +1C. Wind chill feeling like -7 to -12C, coldest in morning.
Freezing Level	600m plus frost in glens at first; rising toward 900m, locally above 1000m Drumochter area afternoon.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Friday 26 April	Saturday 27 April
How windy? (On the Munros)	Light winds, likely northeasterly but may be variable in direction.	Light winds with variable direction.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible.	Negligible.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk of showers Occasional showers, getting more frequent for a time in the afternoon. Will fall as sleetly snow or hail on high ground.	Afternoon showers becoming widespread Mostly dry morning with the odd shower possible. Showers building and becoming widespread and possibly heavy in the afternoon, falling as sleet or snow on high ground. Small risk of lightning in the Northern Cairngorms.
Cloud on the hills?	Lifting above most tops Any morning hill fog will lift and and possibly clear highest summits. Patches of cloud re-forming on higher slopes, especially during and after showers.	Morning cloud breaking. Patchy in afternoon. Many summits shrouded at first, mostly breaking up by late morning. Patchy cloud re-forming in the afternoon, especially during and after showers.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine in morning will give way to mostly overcast skies in afternoon. Excellent visibility.	Weak sunshine though high-level cloud in the morning. Becoming brighter but more patchy in afternoon as shower clouds form well above summits. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3C in morning rising to 3C.	-2C in the morning. Rising to 2C around midday.
Freezing Level	As low as 500m in morning. Frost many glens at dawn. Rising to 1200m mid-afternoon onwards. Eastern areas	Pockets as low as 600m in the morning. Rising to 1100 to 1200m by evening.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 26 April, 2024

Remaining cold, especially northern England and Scotland. Initially winds remaining light but showers increasingly likely, falling as snow or hail on high ground. Small but active low bringing wind and precipitation to England and Wales on Sunday. Remaining showery and on-and-off cold into the early part of next week.

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