

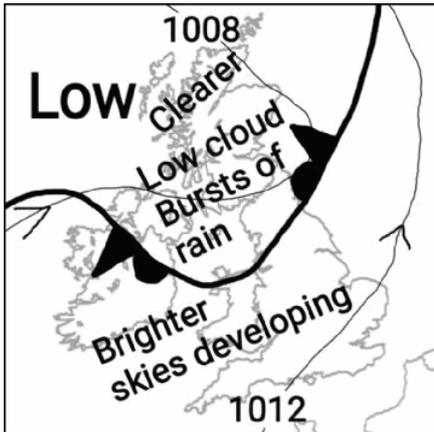
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 4 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 4 May, 2024

A broad and very slack area of low pressure will edge north bringing extensive low cloud and areas of drizzle, with again bursts of heavy, perhaps locally thundery rain, developing into Scotland. Best breaks in cloud and sun in the northwest Highlands, and clearer, brighter conditions developing for southern Wales.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Low cloud extensive with local drizzle. Heavy showers may develop. Gusty AM.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 4 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly, variable speeds 10 to 25mph in morning. Will ease and become more variable from south in afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery in morning which may affect comfortable walking on tops mostly in north. Small into afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Local drizzle, risk heavy showers forming. Drizzly if in hill fog, especially toward east. Risk localised bursts of rain forming almost anywhere. During the afternoon, greater risk of scattered heavy and possibly thundery bursts developing, mostly in the west.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive low cloud Blanket fog from mid or some lower slopes upward, particularly eastern Cairngorms NP. Covering most higher areas all day, highest cloud bases toward A9, breaks mainly for Monadhliath.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%, rising to 30% west of A9.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little if any weak sun. General haze, murkier south and eastern hills.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 to 8C, coolest in east.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 5 May	Monday 6 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Under a very slack cyclonic pattern, winds will vary markedly 5-10mph, at times calm. In and around showers, risk 25mph. Small to negligible often through the day. Risk of sudden gusts within the vicinity of any heavy showers.	Winds remaining slack and variable, 5 to 10mph or a times calm. Scope however, for sudden gusts of 25mph. Small, but scope for local sudden gusts of in and around any heavy, perhaps thundery, showers.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzle, developing to heavy showers. Pockets of drizzle and patchy rain from dawn here and there. Within an unstable environment, will develop into heavy showers with the risk of thunderstorms.	Patchy rain, then thundery showers. Patches of rain here and there in morning, but some areas dry. Will break up into heavy downpours and scattered thunderstorms into the afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, local breaks as bases slowly rise. Within a humid environment, expect extensive hill fog through the day. Lowest bases in morning, before slow rise as convection builds, with local breaks.	Extensive, some local breaks Low cloud very likely widespread from dawn with banks from lower slopes. Slow rise in base, will allow some breaks, but these filling in again in the downpours.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun. Hazy, and for periods in the morning murky.	Mostly overcast with rare glimpses of sun. Hazy, with rather murky conditions, may improve to become good at times, away from rain when visibility will be poor.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	6 to 8C, warmest towards and into afternoon. Above the summits	6 or 7C Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 5 May, 2024

Slow-moving weather patterns continue through the Bank Holiday weekend as a weak zone of low pressure dominates over the British Isles. There will remain uncertainty of local day-to-day detail, but most likely the wind often light and temperatures generally mild, but less warm than midweek in western Scotland. Sunday into Monday, will see varied zones of heavy showers forming, local thunderstorms, but some places escaping often dry with the best sunny breaks for coastal areas as the convection builds inland. High pressure then tends to build from the west into midweek to bring a fair amount of dry weather, although rain bearing fronts may return to the northwest at times.

Forecast issued at 16:45 on Friday, 3 May, 2024

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