

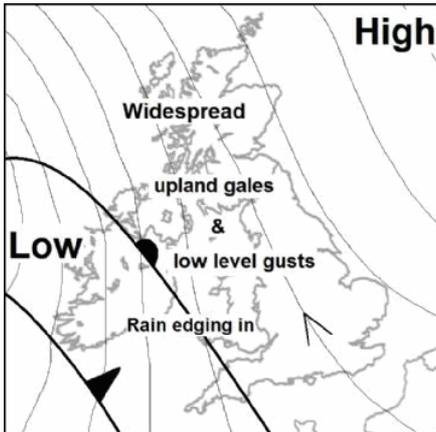
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Monday, 15 April, 2019



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 April, 2019

Gale force southeasterly winds across all regions, giving significant wind chill across the hills. Powerful gusts to lower slopes. Most places dry and cloud above hills. Local showers and possible low cloud SE Scotland. Patchy rain also encroaching into Wales from southwest.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Cold, severe upland gales; very gusty. Largely dry, hills clear.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 15 April, 2019

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southeasterly 40 to 50mph, tending to strengthen through morning; locally 60mph, mostly Cairngorm plateau.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking difficult on many higher areas. Sudden strong gusts some lower slopes, mainly NW of major ridges and summits. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation very unlikely Small risk isolated brief showers, giving snow or hail flurries above 500 to 700m.
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any Most summits cloud free. Risk in morning of patches above 800 to 1000m eastern Cairngorms NP.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%, soon 90%.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Areas of sunshine although cloud will sometimes be extensive, particularly eastern Cairngorms NP. Very good or excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3C rising to 0C. Where directly exposed to wind, feeling like -15C or at times -20C.
Freezing Level	600m post dawn; rising to 950m by mid afternoon. Frost many valleys after dawn.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 16 April	Wednesday 17 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southeasterly 25 to 35mph, perhaps 40mph early in day; gusty near/west of major summits. Walking arduous on many higher areas. Sudden gusts lower slopes near/west of major ridges. Significant wind chill.	Southeasterly, 15 to 25mph. Fairly small, but locally gusty to lower slopes. Chilly in exposure.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no rain Substantially dry all day. Patches of rain or drizzle (snow or sleet above 700-800m) may affect southern Cairngorms NP from time to time.	Rain unlikely Rare patches of drizzly rain around low cloud, but fading.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Nearly all confined to higher tops Fog may well have enveloped southern Cairngorms up to Ben Alder above 650m and persist all day. Elsewhere, cloud most likely extensive above 800 to 1050m, breaks best toward Monadhliath. 30% south, to 60% north.	Extensive, breaks forming A risk of low cloud covering many hills from dawn, to low levels east & southern Cairngorms NP; bases tending to lift. Breaks forming toward tops around Strathspey. 40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A little sun mostly Strathspey. General haze, risk murky southern Cairngorms.	Sunshine breaking through, mostly near/west of A9. Visibility good, but rather hazy, or murky SE Cairngorms for several hours.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	Between 0 and 2C, highest west of the A9. 900 to 1200m.	-1C rising to 3C. Starting around 800-900m, but lifting gradually above all summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 16 April, 2019**

High pressure stays positioned to the east, and a general southeasterly flow will prevail toward the Easter period. Temperatures will tend to rise through the week ahead. Substantially dry conditions, although on Tuesday a little rain or sleet is possible. Some low cloud, focused on eastern hills. Winds often brisk, in places gusty to lower slopes. The ground very dry underfoot - beware of grass fires. Snow patches on higher tops, mainly Lakes and Scottish Highlands.

Forecast issued at 14:13 on Sunday, 14 April, 2019

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