

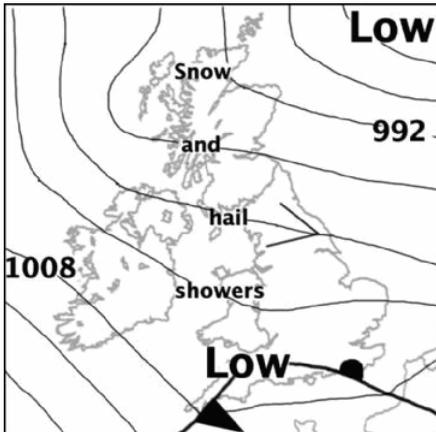
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Thursday, 12 January, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 January, 2017

Upland gales ease temporarily, although in Wales a marked lull before winds abruptly strengthen in afternoon. Widespread snow and hail showers will penetrate to valleys, although across Wales, an area of rain affecting mainly the south will turn to snow before easing.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Upland gales temporarily easing; frequent snow and hail.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 12 January, 2017

How windy? (On the Munros)	West veering northwesterly. Wind speeds will vary; perhaps temporarily afternoon no more than 25mph. But after dawn 45 to 55mph and after dark increasingly 60 to 90mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Anticipate very difficult conditions and severe wind chill on higher areas, most widely morning and particularly from north after dark.
How wet?	Snow; frequent in some areas Snow and hail showers, sometimes in clusters, giving very frequent precipitation and whiteout over a couple of hours, particularly west of A9. Least precipitation on summits accessible east from Braemar in Deeside. Snow will penetrate into the glens.
Cloud on the hills?	Overall extensive Cloud base quickly changing: Fragments of cloud at around 600m near precipitation, but most often the base between 900 and 1150m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bursts of sunshine, but often sunny southern and easternmost summits Cairngorms NP. Varied visibility: hazy at best to appalling visibility where in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-4C
Freezing Level	350m

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Friday 13 January	Saturday 14 January
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	North or northwesterly 45-55mph. morning. Will ease temporarily afternoon. Difficult walking conditions and severe wind chill on higher areas. Slight easing in the conditions may occur afternoon.	Northwest backing toward westerly tending to drop from west from 40-45mph to 25-30mph. Walking difficult on higher areas particularly Cairngorms NP in morning.
How wet?	Snow and hail Expect hail/snow frequently as showers come through in clusters. Whiteout likely, particularly Cairngorms east to Loahnagar (where there will have been considerable snow overnight). Few showers S Cairngorms NP west to Ben Alder.	Occasional snow showers Occasional snow showers, most likely northern Cairngorms and Lochnagar area morning. Risk of light precipitation on and off west of A9 by dusk.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Often covering higher tops Expect cloud base to change quickly, bringing cloud below 500m near showers. Nevertheless, periods when little cloud below 1000m and higher summits intermittently clearing, probably only rarely Cairngorms and Lochnagar but frequently southern summits in Cairngorms NP. 30%	Mostly confined to higher tops Overall, cloud rare below 800m and often confined above 1050m, perhaps breaks to higher tops. However, at least in morning, N Cairngorms east to Lochnagar may well have extensive cloud above 750 to 900m. 60%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine occasionally, mainly southern Cairngorms NP. The air often very clear, but anticipate appalling visibility in snow and cloud.	Sunshine fairly extensive, although N Cairngorms east to Lochnagar mostly cloudy. Frequently excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-6C. Just below freezing point from glens up: nearly all terrain frozen.	-5C. Nearly all terrain frozen from glens up; slight thaw lowest slopes afternoon.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 13 January, 2017**

Widespread snow across the mountains through to the weekend and most terrain will be frozen, except for lower slopes in Wales.

Temperatures will tend to rise from the west over the weekend.

Substantially dry next week; summits may for periods be above freezing point, but latest evidence suggests under high pressure thaw will be slow. Highest risk of rain will be on the NW Highlands.

Forecast issued at 12:40 on Wednesday, 11 January, 2017

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