

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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

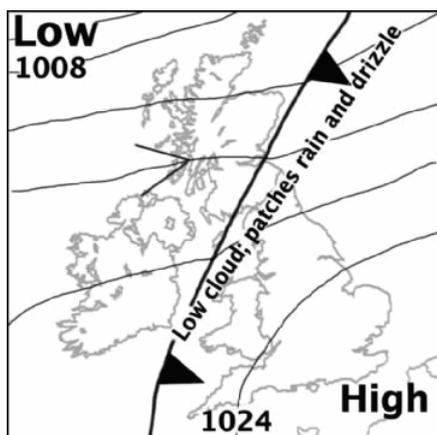


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General Summary for Saturday, 18 February, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 18 February, 2017

A weakening front will bring mostly low cloud and a little rain slowly southeastwards, although from S Scotland southwards the precise timing of the front is uncertain: East Wales and south Pennines may well be mostly fine with cloud above the tops. Upland gales Scottish Highlands.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Upland gales; rain or on higher tops snow, mainly afternoon.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 18 February, 2017

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| How windy? (On the Munros) | Southwesterly 35-40mph increasing progressively to 45 to perhaps 50mph by dusk. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Walking difficult across higher areas; significant wind chill. |
| How wet? | Rain occasionally; snow higher tops Rain now and again, perhaps persistent over a few hours morning southern Cairngorms NP and possibly Ben Alder. In afternoon showery at times, mainly west of A9; precipitation turning to snow above 1000m. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Extensive on higher areas Generally highest cloud bases Monadhliath, Cairngorms and Deeside, where patches below 700m, but most cloud above 1000m. Elsewhere (Ben Alder to S Cairngorms NP), cloud extensive, occasionally below 500m, but widely above 700m, although may lift to 900m afternoon. |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | 10% Ben Alder to S Cairngorms NP to 40% elsewhere |
| Sunshine and air clarity? | Sunshine occasionally, mainly lower areas near Cairngorms and Deeside. Fog extensive on the hills; below cloud hazy. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | 4C dropping to 2C. Will feel as cold as minus 11C directly in wind late in day. |
| Freezing Level | Above summits morning; dropping to 1100 to 1200m afternoon. |

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

| | Sunday 19 February | Monday 20 February |
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| How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you? | Westerly. Typically 35mph, but by dusk 45mph. There may be a slight lull middle of day or into afternoon. Frequently difficult walking conditions where exposed on higher areas. Significant wind chill. | Westerly 40 to 50mph Upland gales will make walking difficult where exposed on higher areas. Significant wind chill. |
| How wet? | Little or no rain Pockets of rain developing afternoon, mainly west of A9. Cairngorms NP, particularly toward Deeside will have very little, perhaps no rain all day. | Rain; mainly west of A9. May clear. Rain, widely incessant west of A9. Progressively less rain east across Cairngorms NP - very little at all Deeside. Will, probably afternoon, from north abruptly turn to snow above 800m, and then more or less cease. Timing of changes presently |
| Cloud on the hills? | Many tops frequently cloud free Breaks to 800 to perhaps 1000m west of A9 and frequently cloud confined to patches on higher slopes Cairngorms NP. However, in afternoon, mainly west of A9, cloud will tend to lower in rain. | Extensive on higher areas Blanket cloud across the mountains west of A9 above 500 to 700m - although later in day may lift toward 900m. In Cairngorms NP, most cloud above 700m, and particularly Deeside, breaks to higher tops. |
| Chance of cloud free Munros? | 70% | 30% |
| Sunshine and air clarity? | Patches of sun, widely eastern Cairngorms NP - although high level cloud will tend to fill in from west. Excellent visibility. | Rare pockets of sunshine lower areas Cairngorms NP. Extensive fog higher areas; hazy at best lower areas. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level | 2 rising to 6C 1200m before lifting above the summits. | 6C; from north dropping abruptly to 2C. Above the summits before dropping to 1050m from north. |

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 19 February, 2017**

Only brief periods of freeze on higher Scottish summits until Tuesday. Otherwise, temperatures above freezing point. There will be rain on and off, concentrated western Scotland.

From Wednesday, periods of upland gales and freeze thaw cycles will extend to higher tops England and Wales. Frequent precipitation, often snow, western mountains. .

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