

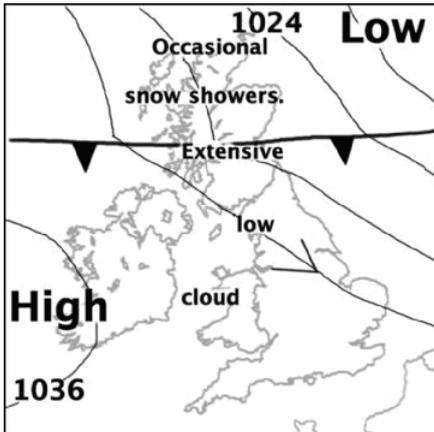
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Friday, 21 April, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 April, 2017

Upland gales or near gales as a southward moving front approaches. Fog extensive many western mountains, and some rain (snow higher tops), mainly near the front. Total rainfall small. South Wales dry with light wind. Turning cold Scottish Highlands with snow showers.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Upland gales morning will ease. Temperature dropping: snow showers.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 21 April, 2017

How windy? (On the Munros)	West to northwesterly 35 to 40mph., perhaps 50mph for a few hours post dawn. Will ease by midday to 25 to 30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable buffeting and wind chill, particularly near showers.
How wet?	Rain or snow higher tops clearing to a few snow showers. Soon rain on and off most of morning, finishing as snow above 800m, will clear southwards toward or Ben Alder to southern summits in Cairngorms NP, about midday. Then occasional snow and hail showers, turning to rain only lower slopes.
Cloud on the hills?	Frequently clearing most summits Cloud base will vary; shafts below 600m near showers, but by late morning frequently ranging from 900 to 1200m. Cloud base will be highest Ben Alder to southern summits in Cairngorms NP.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	By midday 30% Monadhliath/Cairngorms to 80% elsewhere
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bright sun intermittently afternoon, most widely southern tops Cairngorms NP west to Ben Alder. Little sun Monadhliath and Cairngorms. Frequently excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1 or 2C; dropping to 0 or -1C during morning.
Freezing Level	1100m, dropping to 850m by late morning.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 22 April	Sunday 23 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northwest backing westerly between 15 and 25mph. Speeds will drop through daylight. Small	Westerly in the range 40 to 55mph. Considerable buffeting and wind chill where exposed across the hills, and on higher areas general mobility may be difficult.
How wet?	Hail and snow showers Occasional snow and hail showers. Mostly rain below 500m.	Rain frequently, mostly W of A9 Rain, frequently west of A9, intermittent elsewhere. Intermittently snow higher tops. May change to showers late afternoon or evening; snow then penetrating to 500m.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Often clearing most summits Cloud will lower to about 600m briefly near showers, but otherwise, cloud base 900 to 1200m; highest Ben Alder to southern Cairngorms NP. Most summits will clear although the Cairngorm plateau may remain covered most of the day. 50%	Extensive across higher areas Cloud will shroud higher mountains all or nearly all day: mostly above 500 or 600m west of A9 whilst east of A9, rarely below 600m and breaks to 1000m. 20%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bursts of bright sunshine. Superb visibility.	Sunshine rarely valleys near and east of A9. Fog across the mountains most or all day. Frequently hazy or misty below cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	0C 900m. Frost some valleys at dawn.	-1 to 3C, generally warmest middle of day and into afternoon ahead of a sudden drop. 800m to 1300m, lowest post dawn and may well drop abruptly again later in day.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 22 April, 2017**

Over the weekend, a few snow and hail showers on Saturday before cloud shrouds western mountains on Sunday, when winds strengthen and rain (snow higher tops) spreads south across Scotland.

An abrupt change from Monday: Winds persistently northerly and intermittently near gale force will bring markedly low freezing levels. Snow and hail showers (sometimes very frequent or almost constant snow for a few hours particularly N Scotland) - even on some lower slopes as summit temperatures drop lower than at any time this winter.

Forecast issued at 7:19 on Friday, 21 April, 2017

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