

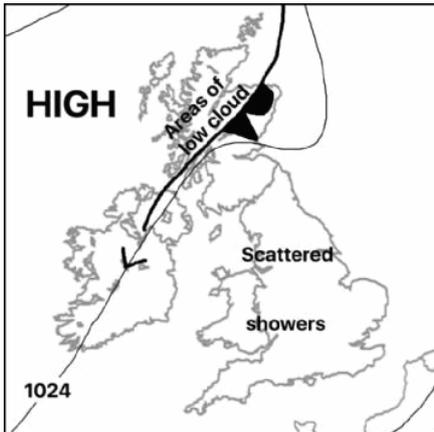
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 July, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 July, 2018

A weak front will bring largely cloudy and damp conditions across the Scottish Highlands with cloud shrouding the hills much of the day; but tending to lift to higher slopes with local showers breaking out. Elsewhere, early patches of mist and low cloud will lift and clear, but scattered showers will develop.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Extensive low cloud gradually lifting. Isolated drizzle, shower risk later.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 12 July, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	Direction variable, rarely more than 5mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy drizzle, risk of a shower later Many places substantially dry, but a little drizzly rain may linger for several hours locally. A possibility of isolated showers breaking out in the afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, lifting with local breaks PM Areas of cloud from very low levels up from dawn giving extensive hill fog. Most should lift to 800m or above by afternoon with local breaks developing to tops. However, locally low cloud may hang over the hills for many hours.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, but here and there occasional sun breaking through in the afternoon. A general haze, perhaps murky some areas, but visibility improving into the afternoon.
How Cold? (at 900m)	8 to 11C, coolest where in cloud.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Friday 13 July	Saturday 14 July
How windy? (On the Munros)	Direction variable, little wind much of day. Locally gusty around showers.	Southwesterly 15-25mph; strongest later in afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly negligible	Mostly small until late afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk an isolated thundery shower A few drizzly outbreaks or even a local burst of rain possible from early morning, but many places often dry. Chance of a local heavy shower or isolated thunderstorm afternoon/evening.	Dry until evening Dry for much of the day, but increasing threat of a few spots of rain or drizzle arriving from the west into the evening.
Cloud on the hills?	Becoming confined to high tops Banks of cloud at various levels from lower slopes up post-dawn. Most cloud lifting above 700-900m, with breaks to higher tops in afternoon.	Very little until evening Hills very likely clear for much of the day. However, through the evening, cloud will lower onto higher areas above 700-900m as patchy rain arrives from the west.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine breaking through. Visibility typically very good; locally murky early in day.	Occasional sunshine; clouding over from west later in the afternoon. Visibility very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	9 to 13C	12 or 13C
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 13 July, 2018**

Pressure stays fairly high on Friday, but some instability in the atmosphere will trigger a few showers over the hills - local thunderstorms possible. Areas of low cloud, but also breaks to many higher summits. Winds generally very light.

By the weekend, weak fronts to edge east across Scotland bringing a little drizzly rain and low cloud; mainly across western hills. It will remain largely dry across England and Wales. A fairly slack pressure pattern is likely into next week, and with a warm and quite humid airmass in place, showers will develop; these perhaps more widespread later in the week.

Forecast issued at 16:35 on Wednesday, 11 July, 2018

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