

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

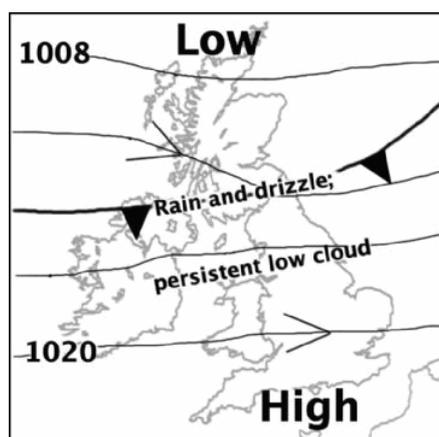
Cairngorms National Park and Monadhliath. Also includes the Ben Alder area hills between Loch Ericht and Loch Laggan.



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General Summary for Friday, 14 September, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 September, 2018

Windy, particularly morning Scottish Highlands. A weak front will continue to lie across central Britain, bringing bursts of rain, and very extensive low cloud - this giving fog on many lower west coastal slopes. Colder and showery N Scotland, risk thunder. Wet snow highest tops.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Upland near gales easing slowly. Showers extending east: hail; chance thunder. Cold.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 14 September, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwest soon veering westerly, 45mph post dawn. Will ease slowly to reach 25 to 30mph by mid-afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Likely to impede ease of walking on higher areas.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers increasingly, risk lightning A little rain post dawn. Then dry before scattered heavy showers extend eastward, although most showers near/west of the A9. Risk of the rain frequent for an hour. Hail higher slopes, and increasingly wet snow highest summits. Small risk thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Breaks to higher tops Cloud base will rise after dawn, by mid-morning, most cloud above 900 to 1050m, and then frequently lifting above the tops eastern Cairngorms NP. However, patches below 700m near showers, mostly often west of A9.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70% by late morning
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patches of sunshine, most frequent Deeside. Visibility frequently excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5C
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 15 September	Sunday 16 September
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West backing southwesterly 25mph. Mostly fairly small.	Southwesterly 45 to 60mph post dawn. Will ease middle of day or afternoon to around 45mph. Walking widely difficult where exposed on higher areas. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk showers One or two brief showers, most likely west of A9 - of wet snow on highest tops.	Rain rarely Rain occasionally morning, mostly west of A9 In afternoon, isolated showers.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Higher tops frequently cloud free Cloud base dropping below 800m temporarily near showers. Otherwise, by late morning, most cloud above 1050m west of A9 and 1200m elsewhere. Will tend to lower again, mainly Ben Alder and southern Cairngorms NP toward evening. 60%	Extensive; but gradually improving Fog across the higher areas most or all morning; the base sometimes below 600m, particularly S Cairngorms NP and Ben Alder. By afternoon, cloud base will vary between 600 to 950m, although toward Deeside, higher summits may clear intermittently. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of sunshine, although in afternoon sheet of high level cloud will come in. Excellent visibility.	Sunshine in and out, mainly valleys near and east of A9. Slight haze.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	3C post dawn; rising to 7C. 1250m post dawn, above the summits by midday. Widespread frost in glens at dawn.	5C (though a few degrees higher in morning). Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 15 September, 2018**

Frequently windy, wet with extensive low cloud, with the worst conditions focussed on western mountains - for the next week to ten days. Risk around Tuesday of stormy very wet weather although the timing and track of the worst conditions is very uncertain.

Forecast issued at 14:45 on Thursday, 13 September, 2018

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