

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

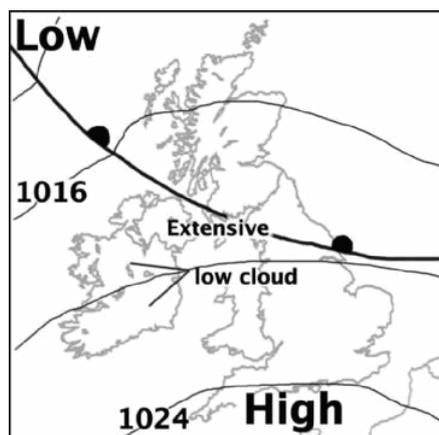
Cairngorms National Park and Monadhliath. Also includes the Ben Alder area hills between Loch Ericht and Loch Laggan.



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General Summary for Saturday, 15 September, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 September, 2018

For most mountain areas something of a lull for a while before gales develop towards or soon after dusk. Cold enough for snow at first in showers over highest tops in Scotland. After initially rising, threat of cloud bases falling over ranges near Irish Sea later in the day.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Sunny spells, few showers, wet and windy evening

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 15 September, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	West backing southwesterly 25mph. Will strengthen evening; upland gales overnight.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small - but walking becoming difficult after dark.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk showers One or two brief showers, most likely west of A9 - of wet snow on highest tops. A wet night to follow.
Cloud on the hills?	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 or during evening.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of sunshine. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C post dawn; rising to 7C.
Freezing Level	1250m post dawn, above the summits by midday. Widespread frost in glens at dawn.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 16 September	Monday 17 September
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 45 to 65mph post dawn. Will ease middle of day to 40mph and a little lower by evening. Walking widely difficult where exposed on higher areas. Significant wind chill.	Southwesterly backing more southerly and increasing from 25 to around 40mph by dusk and further overnight. Fairly small until late morning; then increasing amounts of buffeting with likelihood of difficult walking conditions in the evening.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain rarely Rain occasionally morning, mostly west of A9 In afternoon, isolated showers.	Bursts of rain mainly west Mostly dry in the morning. Bursts of rain for a while mainly western ranges midday and afternoon.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	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 have risen markedly: a few patches below 900m but most cloud above 1200m. 40%	Mainly western ranges Many tops likely to clear for a while but patches of cloud in afternoon to below 600m in west though generally more broken above 800m further east. 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine in and out, mainly valleys near and east of A9. Slight haze.	Best of sunshine from Aviemore eastwards. Visibility very good or excellent away from rain.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	5C (though a few degrees higher in morning). Above the summits.	3 rising to 7C Soon rising above highest summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 16 September, 2018**

Generally rather cold and unsettled with rain focused onto northwestern ranges. Remains of hurricane Helene threaten to bring very strong winds, a brief appreciable rise of temperatures and locally heavy rain quickly northwards around Monday night and into Tuesday. Showers or longer spells of rain likely across many area at some time on Tuesday and/or Wednesday. Further ahead there appears to be a trend towards higher pressure with a good chance of a significant rise in temperatures for a while. Still a chance of a spell of wet and windy weather in north and west around Friday.

Forecast issued at 18:58 on Friday, 14 September, 2018

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