

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

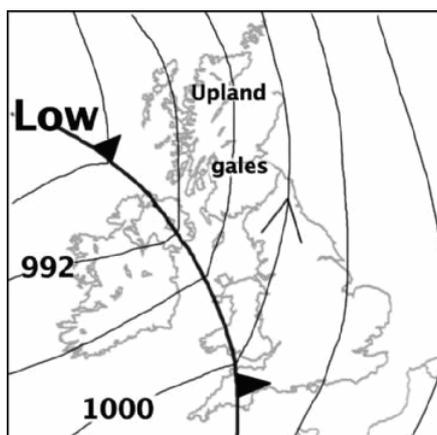
Cairngorms National Park and Monadhliath. Also includes the Ben Alder area hills between Loch Ericht and Loch Laggan.



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General Summary for Thursday, 11 October, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 October, 2018

Pulses of rain will move northeastwards; although most mountain areas will be dry for much of the day. Cloud base will vary considerably, both through the day and region by region. The resulting fog will be most persistent SE Highlands.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Upland gales; occasional rain. Cloud sometimes covering higher tops.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 11 October, 2018

<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>South to southeasterly, 40 to 60mph; speed fluctuating (strongest post dawn and again by afternoon). Very gusty north of major ridges.</p> <p>Arduous walking widely, but often difficult where exposed, mainly on higher areas. Very strong gusts reaching lower slopes will give sudden buffeting.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Occasional rain, mainly late in day Showers briefly, morning. Showers then isolated before later afternoon, rain falls for an hour or two.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p> <p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>Varied cloud base; sometimes clearing some higher summits Expect variation in cloud base; during and after rain, patches at 750m (most widely Ben Alder to southern summits in Cairngorms NP), and sometimes 400m Lochnagar area. Otherwise, periods when cloud is confined to or above higher summits.</p> <p>50%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Occasional sunshine - overall extensive cloud, this sometimes high and thin. Visibility often very good, most pronounced haze will be on lower slopes.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>9C. Above the summits.</p>

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Friday 12 October	Saturday 13 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly, in the range 70 to 100mph. Very difficult conditions from low levels up. Any mobility tortuous on higher terrain. Severe wind chill.	Low confidence in this forecast: Southerly, speeds may be only 20mph, but threat of 50mph. Risk of walking being difficult where exposed on higher areas.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain on and off A sequence of wet - dry - wet - dry, as bands of rain move quickly northwards.	Risk persistent rain The position of an envelope of rain in uncertain - it may be largely away to the east resulting in little or no rain. However, threat of widespread rain, particularly Ben Alder/S Cairngorms NP.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Intermittently clearing many tops Cloud base changing rapidly. At times shrouding the hills extensively, but intermittently clearing higher summits, whilst banks of low cloud may linger on some lower slopes. 40%	May be very persistent In rain, cloud is likely to shroud the mountains widely. Otherwise, most cloud above about 800m. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief bursts of sunshine. Persistently very hazy.	Little or no sunshine. Excellent visibility may have extended in off the Atlantic; nevertheless, widely poor where rain redevelops.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	Around 6C. Above the summits.	7C Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 12 October, 2018**

Rain and upland gales will be frequent across the mountains over the next 10 days (winds widely storm force on Friday). Most rain will be on western mountains.

However, overall drier and less windy on Sunday and Monday, but still showers, mainly on western mountains. In Scotland, on the Munros, the precipitation will be of hail and snow.

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