

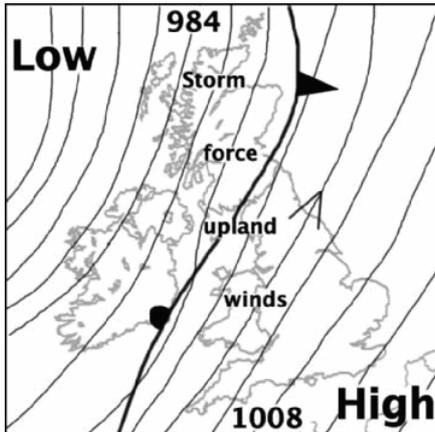
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 12 October, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 October, 2018

Frequent storm force upland winds around an intense low to the north west of Ireland (although winds not as extreme as anticipated earlier in the week). There will also be widespread rain, considerable falls Lakes and Wales (focussed S Wales, where some flooding).

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Storm force upland winds. Frequent rain.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 12 October, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly, 50 to 80mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Very difficult conditions from low levels up. Any mobility tortuous on higher terrain. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain on and off Rain on and off morning, though intermittently dry. Rain may well then set in for a few hours, heavy or in places torrential (most likely Ben Alder east to southern summits in Cairngorms NP).
Cloud on the hills?	Temporarily clearing to higher slopes morning; cloud base dropping Cloud base changing rapidly. At times, mainly morning intermittently clearing to or above some higher summits, mainly Monadhliath and Cairngorms. Will deteriorate as rain sets in: fog will fill in from 400 to 600m Ben Alder to S Cairngorms NP, whilst elsewhere, cloud base 600 to 800m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine temporarily morning. Persistently very hazy.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Varying, sometimes abruptly between 5 and 10C. Will feel as cold as minus 5 Celsius directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 13 October	Sunday 14 October
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Low confidence in this forecast: Southerly, may be only 20mph, but threat of abruptly 60mph, particularly eastern summits. Risk of walking being difficult where exposed on higher areas.	West backing southwesterly: speeds typically 30mph. Likely to impede ease of walking on higher areas.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk persistent rain The position of an envelope of rain remains uncertain. However, threat of widespread rain starting during morning, possibly middle of day, particularly Ben Alder/S Cairngorms NP.	A few hail and snow showers. Substantially dry. However, risk that overnight rain (snow higher tops) may take a few hours to clear after dawn. A few or isolated hail and above 800m snow showers or flurries will follow.
Cloud on the hills?	May be very persistent In rain, cloud will increasingly shroud the mountains widely. Ahead of the rain and where dry, most cloud above about 800m.	Often clearing Cloud rare near showers below 700m, but most cloud above 1050m, particularly east of A9. Higher summits in Cairngorms NP intermittently clearing.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine. Excellent visibility may have extended in off the Atlantic; nevertheless, widely poor where rain redevelops.	Bright sunshine (least sun west of A9). Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	7C Above the summits.	2C 1100m. Frost some glens at dawn.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 13 October, 2018**

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.

Further deep Atlantic lows will then bring further bouts of upland gales and particularly to western mountains rain and low cloud.

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