

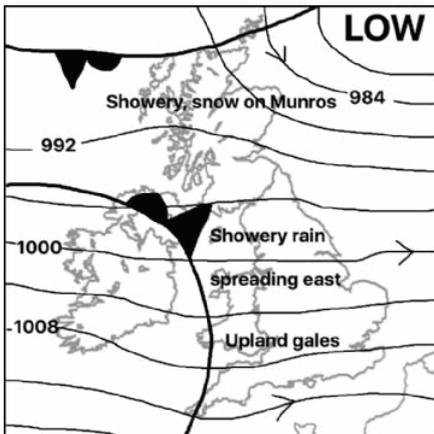
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 8 December, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 8 December, 2018

Scotland: Gales easing from west. Areas of showery rain, snow over the Munros, will be most frequent in morning across the NW Highlands and N Cairngorms. Cloud extensive across higher areas.

England and Wales: Widespread gales resulting in significant wind chill. Showery rain spreading across all areas into afternoon.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Severe gales/wind chill, easing PM. Showers, snow on Munros.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 8 December, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	West to northwesterly 50-70mph post dawn will gradually ease to between 20-30mph into the afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking difficult to very difficult from dawn with widespread buffeting and severe wind chill, but conditions will improve markedly into afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery; frequent morning. Snow Munros Showery, mixture of rain and drizzle, most frequent morning Cairngorms and Deeside, but only pockets of rain elsewhere, mainly morning. Above 900m snow will lead to periods of appalling visibility (mainly Cairngorms/Lochnagar).
Cloud on the hills?	Never clearing most summits Broadly, widespread cloud higher slopes from dawn. On the Cairngorms east to the Lochnagar area, fog likely higher areas all day, patches below 600m widely above 850m. Elsewhere, likely to improve; by afternoon there may be little cloud below 1000m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun, mainly S Cairngorms NP. Visibility excellent away from precipitation.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1C
Freezing Level	1050m

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 9 December	Monday 10 December
How windy? (On the Munros)	North to northwesterly, 20 to 30mph, perhaps 35mph.	Northwesterly 15-20mph at dawn, will soon ease and drop to 10mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but risk of squally gusts around showers. Significant wind chill where exposed on higher areas.	Marked wind chill around dawn, soon easing.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow and hail showers Clusters of showers spreading from the north. Around the Lecht and Cairngorm ski centres snow may be frequent over several hours. Risk of hail and temporary whiteout.	Largely dry
Cloud on the hills?	Often covering higher tops Frequently covering northern Cairngorms above 800m. At times shafts of cloud below 600m around showers. Toward southern Cairngorms NP, more often 1000m, breaks to higher tops.	Clear much of the day Very little, if any, cloud on the hills through the day.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional bursts of sunshine. The air at times very clear, but visibility suddenly reduced where in snow and cloud.	A patchwork of sun; will tend to weak as high cloud spread in. Visibility very good or excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C falling to -4C.	-2C
Freezing Level	Dropping from 700 toward 500m.	Around 700m, but some lower slopes remaining partially frozen after overnight frost.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 9 December, 2018**

Next week, a few showers/snow flurries in the west on Monday with banks of low cloud, largely fine, but cold in the east/northeast. From Tuesday onwards, unsettled conditions are likely to come back in from the Atlantic bringing bouts of gales and rain for all areas, and at times upland snow in the north as freeze-thaw cycles occur across the Scottish Highlands. Across England and Wales, temperatures occasionally below freezing.

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