

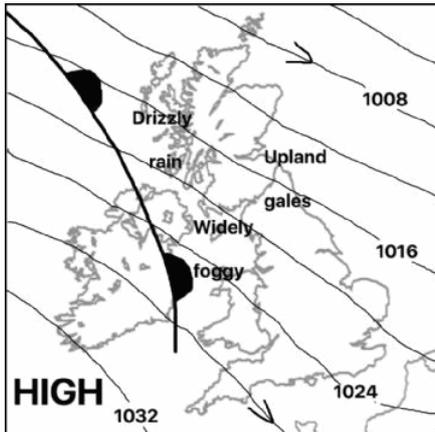
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 12 January, 2019



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 January, 2019

A windy day across all hills with strong to gale force westerly winds resulting in significant chill. Extensive low cloud across many hills, highest bases and best breaks across eastern areas. Patches of drizzly rain; these frequent and later heavy across western Scotland.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Upland gales giving significant wind chill. Drizzly showers.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 12 January, 2019

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 45-65mph
Effect of wind on you?	Walking difficult, or locally very difficult, with significant buffeting and wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly showers, snow higher tops. Occasional drizzly showers, snow above 900m, will push in from the west. These most frequent across the Monadhliath.
Cloud on the hills?	Increasingly extensive from west Some summits cloud free after dawn, but a few patches across higher tops. However, slowly cloud will cap higher areas from west above 800-1000m, and perhaps by dusk down to about 650m on hills west of A9.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare glimpses of sun. Visibility generally very good, but dropping markedly in drizzly showers.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1C, will tend to rise toward 4C in afternoon. Feeling closer to -15C in direct exposure to the wind.
Freezing Level	1050m, will lift above summits from west during afternoon.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 13 January	Monday 14 January
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West veering northwest, 45 to 65mph, may ease towards dusk. Walking difficult across higher areas, and locally at times to lower slopes, with significant wind chill.	Low confidence in detail of forecast: Northwesterly 15-25mph, risk 35mph around dawn. Will impede walking for a few hours around dawn with significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery Areas of rain from dawn, mainly across western hills, will ease to the south by mid/late morning. A few showers will follow, these perhaps fairly frequent for a period across the N Cairngorms/Monadhliath. Progressively	Snow flurries Snow flurries from dawn will tend to fade away by the afternoon.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Often shrouding higher areas Cloud often shrouding higher areas above 800-1000m in fog; with patches lowering to 600m in precipitation. Best of the breaks to the tops will be across Deeside. 30%	Occasionally shrouding higher areas Areas of cloud will come and go above 800-1000m mainly in the morning, and most persistent across N Cairngorms. Towards dusk, risk of blanket cloud shrouding hills near and west of the A9 above 700-900m. 50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A few bursts of sunshine developing. Visibility generally very good outside precipitation, but slight haze.	Bursts of sunshine, becoming cloudier later. Visibility very good away from precipitation.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	Around 3 or 4C at dawn, lowering to 0C. Above the summits at dawn, lowering to 900m.	-4C lifting to -2C Around 400m lifting to 700m, but most terrain frozen after frost at dawn.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 13 January, 2019

A gradual change into next week as a broad band of generally westerly winds becomes established. Precipitation will fall, mainly on western mountains, as fronts come through and upland gales will be frequent, particularly Scottish Highlands. Temperature wise, a more typical range with freeze thaw cycles on the Scottish Highlands, allowing some accumulation of snow on the Munros. Elsewhere, higher summits occasionally below freezing point, but lying snow, if any, transient.

Forecast issued at 15:53 on Friday, 11 January, 2019

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