

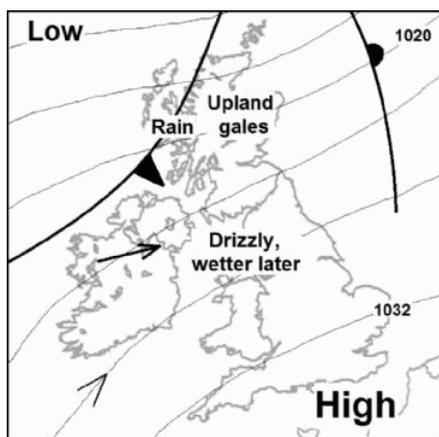
# Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Tuesday, 12 February, 2019



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 12 February, 2019**

Milder southwesterlies extend across Britain - lifting above freezing up to higher tops. Gale force winds on many mountains; storm force Scottish high tops. Rain for many hours for the West Highlands, fading through afternoon. Rain steadier later Lakes & west Wales. Driest eastern hills.

### Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Storm force winds higher tops. Patchy drizzly rain, mostly west.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 12 February, 2019

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| <b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>              | South to southwesterly, veering a little toward west later; soon 45 to 60mph, and 70mph Cairngorm plateau for several hours from about mid-morning. Easing slightly toward dusk.   |
| <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>                  | <b>Marked increase of speed with height. Walking difficult, or at times very difficult on higher areas. Significant wind chill.</b>  |
| <b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b> | <b>Drizzly rain, mostly west</b><br>Isolated patches of drizzly rain now and again through the day; particularly across hills west of the A9. Will initially fall as sleet or snow above 800-900m, but soon all rain. By about midday, steadier rain likely around Ben Alder for a couple of hours, then fading. |
| <b>Cloud on the hills?</b>                     | <b>Occasionally covering tops</b><br>Cloud will occasionally cover higher areas above 700-1000m through the day, particularly near/west of the A9 and in precipitation when it may become fairly extensive. Cloud only rarely capping higher tops towards Deeside.   |
| <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>            | <b>40% west, 70% east.</b>   |
| <b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>     | Glimpses of sun, mainly across eastern areas.<br>Visibility often good, but lowering in precipitation.   |
| <b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>                     | 1C lifting 3C, or locally a degree or so higher by afternoon.<br>Feeling like -15C or below where exposed to wind.   |
| <b>Freezing Level</b>                          | Generally above the summits, but some slopes close to freezing at dawn and partial frost some valleys. A gradual thaw setting in.  |

## Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

|   | <b>Wednesday 13 February</b>   | <b>Thursday 14 February</b>  |
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| <b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>                 | South to southwesterly, 40 to 55mph; strongest near/north of major summits.  | Southerly, 40 to 55mph; strongest winds not necessarily higher slopes.   |
| <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>                     | <b>Considerable buffeting, in places through passes and cols and locally gusty to lower slopes. Significant wind chill.</b>  | <b>Walking arduous in places; buffeting through passes and cols, and sudden turbulent gusts locally to lower slopes north of major ridges.</b>   |
| <b>How wet?</b><br>(Precipitation and its impact) | <b>Patchy drizzle</b><br>Occasional small amounts of drizzly rain, mostly focused toward Ben Alder.  | <b>Dry overall</b>   |
| <b>Cloud on the hills?</b>                        | <b>Mostly south/west; breaks north</b><br><br>Banks of cloud above 700-900m, lowest around Glen Garry and Ben Alder. North of the Cairngorms, cloud more broken. Some tops may emerge above or between cloud layers. | <b>Becoming very little</b><br><br>Banks of cloud drifting around some tops and corries, may linger for a few hours. Higher tops may be above often above cloud. Increasingly breaking up through the day. |
| <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>               | <b>50%</b>   | <b>70%</b>   |
| <b>Sunshine?</b><br>Air clarity (below cloud)     | Glimpses of sun, most frequent toward Loch Morlich, where visibility often good. A general slight haze, visibility reduced further in rain/drizzle.  | Sunshine frequent, may break through widely.<br>Visibility mostly good, but a general slight haze.   |
| <b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>                        | 3 to 5C; small change of temperature with increasing height on the hills.  | In range 5 to 10C, warmest toward northern Cairngorms NP; some higher tops warmer than lower slopes.   |
| <b>Freezing Level</b>                             | Above the summits.   | Above the summits.   |

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 13 February, 2019**

South to southwesterly winds persist all week and into the weekend; often windy, gales Scottish Highlands, with local strong gusts to lower slopes and through passes. Low cloud will often plague western hills, with patchy rain or drizzle. Generally small amounts of precipitation; often dry away from west coasts. Some inversion conditions developing, and cloud breaking up increasingly from south into Thursday. By Friday, cloud and drizzly rain will return from the west as the next fronts move in. Temperatures above freezing for several days, with a period of thaw across all areas.

**Forecast issued at 14:32 on Monday, 11 February, 2019**

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