

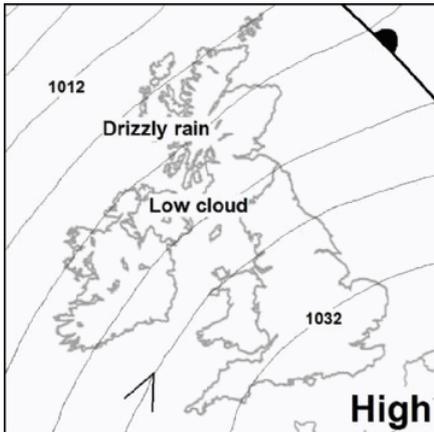
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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



**Aviemore's Outdoor specialist for clothing, footwear, camping, cycling, skiing & climbing equipment.
Café, play area, boot fitting, bike & ski servicing, equipment hire available. www.tiso.com**

General Summary for Wednesday, 13 February, 2019



**British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 13 February, 2019**

Mild south to southwesterlies bring patchy rain or drizzle, and extensive low cloud, focused on western hills. Small amounts of drizzle England and Wales, plus the north/east of Scotland. Gale force winds across many hills, very gusty in places through passes and cols.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Upland gales. Spots of rain. Cloud breaks north.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 13 February, 2019

How windy? (On the Munros)	South to southwesterly, 40 to 55mph; strongest near/north of major summits.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable buffeting, in places through passes and cols and locally gusty to lower slopes. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy drizzle Occasional small amounts of drizzly rain, mostly focused toward Ben Alder.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly south/west; breaks north 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.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40% southern Cairngorms NP; 60% north.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun, most frequent toward Loch Morlich, where visibility often good. A general slight haze, visibility reduced locally in rain/drizzle.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3 to 5C; small change of temperature with increasing height on the hills. Where directly exposed to wind, feeling like -10C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 14 February	Friday 15 February
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly, 40 to 55mph; strongest winds not necessarily higher slopes. Walking arduous in places; buffeting through passes and cols, and sudden turbulent gusts locally to lower slopes north of major ridges.	Timing uncertain in this forecast: South to southwesterly, 40-50mph risk strengthening to 70mph for several hours. Threat of difficult conditions on the hills for at least part of the day. Sudden buffeting gusts to lower slopes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Dry overall	Risk of rain developing A chance of staying substantially dry for many hours. Gradually, a risk of patchy rain pushing in from west (timing uncertain), perhaps setting in toward Ben Alder. May become sleet on higher tops later.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Becoming very little 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. 70%	Lowering in rain Many tops may start cloud free, perhaps staying clear for a few hours, but as rain arrives, patches will form, below 700m west of the A9, whilst further east mostly above 900-1000m. 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine frequent, may break through widely. Visibility mostly good, but a general slight haze.	Early sun weakening, giving way to cloudier skies from the west. Visibility starting good, but slight haze, and reducing in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	In range 5 to 10C, warmest toward northern Cairngorms NP; some higher tops warmer than lower slopes. Above the summits.	3 to 5C or locally above, may lower a few degrees from west later. Above the summits, but may lower later in day briefly close to higher tops.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 14 February, 2019**

South to southwesterly winds persist into the weekend; often windy, gales at times, particularly Scottish Highlands. Low cloud will often plague western hills, with patchy rain or drizzle as weak fronts come in from the Atlantic from time to time. Generally small amounts of precipitation; often dry away from west coasts. Apart from a brief drop of temperature during Friday in Scotland, the mountains will be above freezing for several days ahead. A period of thaw across all areas, leaving mostly very little snow cover into next week.

Forecast issued at 14:39 on Tuesday, 12 February, 2019

The production of the Scottish forecasts is fully funded by the Scottish Government through the Mountaineering Council of Scotland with the support of sportscotland. Forecasts are issued daily by 16:30 and are kept under review and amended as necessary. However, expected conditions can still change after issue. © Copyright Geoff Monk & Associates, 2019.