

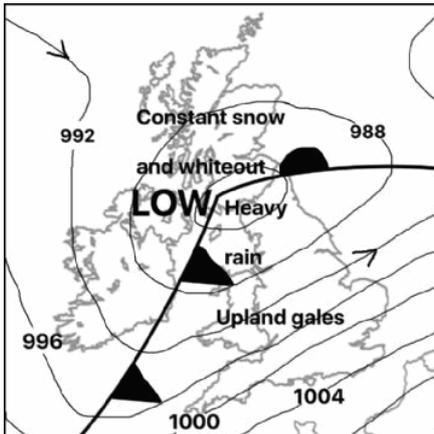
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 16 March, 2019



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 March, 2019

Scotland: Widespread snow spreading north with sustained whiteout developing and significant accumulations. Snow turning to rain to high tops in far south for a time.

England/Wales: Severe gales, heavy rain and low cloud. Snow for a time across N Pennines/Lakes at first and again by evening.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Dry start. Snow setting in by midday with sustained whiteout developing.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 16 March, 2019

How windy? (On the Munros)	Westerly 15mph at dawn, but becoming variable 10mph or less for a few hours. Becoming northeasterly 15 to 30mph in the afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Will impede walking at times in the afternoon across higher areas with significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow spreading in; sustained whiteout. Dry start to the day, but snow will gradually spread north and envelop the area by midday. Then widespread snow through the rest of the day with sustained periods of whiteout. Snow will increasingly fall and lie into the glens.
Cloud on the hills?	Becoming very extensive in snow Likely very little early in the morning, bar a few patches on the tops, but as snow sets in toward midday, cloud will become extensive on the hills and increasingly form widely to lowest slopes. Hills will then remain foggy throughout the day.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	Soon lowering to 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun. Visibility very good early in morning, but becoming widely appalling in snow with periods of sustained whiteout.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-4C, but feeling closer to -17C in direct exposure to the strongest winds.
Freezing Level	200-400m.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 17 March	Monday 18 March
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northwest later northerly in the range 30-40mph. Walking arduous at times across higher areas with significant wind chill and buffeting.	Northwesterly 25-30mph at first, perhaps 35mph, will soon become westerly and ease to 20mph into the afternoon. Will impede walking occasionally across higher areas with marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent snow/hail showers Frequent snow and hail showers through the day; may merge to give prolonged spell of snow and whiteout across N Cairngorms. Risk of isolated lightning.	No precipitation expected. Any residual snow flurries from overnight will clear soon after dawn.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Often shrouding N Cairngorms. Cloud base will vary through day; shafts below 500-600m in snow, but generally 800 to 1050m, lowest N Cairngorms and Lochnagar. Away from these areas, cloud intermittently breaking off higher summits. 30%	Generally very little A few patches will come and go across higher tops at times, mainly in the morning across the N Cairngorms. Otherwise, hills largely clear. 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional bursts of sun between the showers, mostly in the south. Visibility at times very good, but often very poor due to snow with risk of whiteout.	Occasional sunshine, clouding over from west later. Visibility very good or excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-2 to -4C, highest around middle of the day. 400-600m, highest around middle of the day.	-4C lifting to -1C 400m lifting to 800m in afternoon.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 17 March, 2019**

On Sunday, north to northwesterly winds will bring hail and snow showers across many hills, increasingly rain to lower slopes through day, with risk of local thunder. Largely fine on Monday, but low cloud and patchy rain/summit snow will reach western Scotland late on. This will then herald a change to milder, cloudier and at times damp conditions across Scotland with a period of sustained thaw. Higher pressure across England and Wales into the middle of the week will result in largely dry conditions here with lighter winds, although low cloud will affect western hills at times.

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