

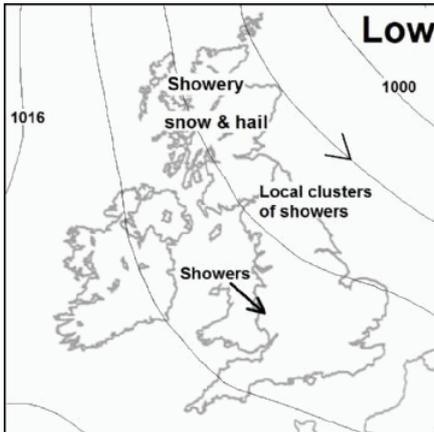
# Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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](http://www.tiso.com)**

## General Summary for Wednesday, 5 May, 2021



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 5 May, 2021

Another very cold day for May; higher mountains sub-zero, some rise of freezing level through the day. Showers with hail or snow, to lower slopes in the Highlands, locally frequent, heavy with isolated thunder. A brisk northwesterly breeze, feeling bitter where exposed.

### Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Cold. Hail and snow showers, chance of thunder. Windy.

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 5 May, 2021

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Northwesterly, 25mph to sometimes 30-35mph northern Cairngorms and around the Lecht, particularly morning.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Considerable buffeting at times north &amp; eastern areas, and noticeable gusts near showers. Feeling distinctly cold for May where exposed on tops.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Hail and snow showers, some heavy</b> Hail and snow showers, most extensive from late morning onwards. Precipitation becoming frequent in places over a few hours. Local heavy bursts, risk thunder. Some further snowfalls spreading from north into the night. Extensive lying snow on higher slopes. Icy in places.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Intermittently clearing away from showers</b> Cloud patches above 500 to 600m near precipitation. Fairly frequently covering hills above 800m N Cairngorms and Deeside. Further south across Cairngorms NP, most cloud often above 800m, with breaks to higher slopes more common.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>40% north, to 70% south.</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Bursts of sunshine, mainly early morning. Periods of excellent or superb visibility but abruptly very poor in snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-5C; rising marginally during the day, toward -1C southern Cairngorms NP. Wind chill feels as cold as -15C, in morning nearer -20C Cairngorm plateau.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Most terrain at least partly frozen at dawn. By early afternoon freezing level typically 600 to 700m.

## Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 6 May	Friday 7 May
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	North or northwesterly 15 to 25mph, perhaps locally 35mph for a time in morning northern areas. <b>Remaining notably chilly where exposed on higher terrain, occasional sudden gusts around showers.</b>	Northerly or variable, 10 to 15mph or at times less. <b>Mostly small, but still a notable chill on higher slopes.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Risk hail and snow setting in for a time</b> Frequent hail and snow showers overall, but locally may cluster together to give constant precipitation for an hour or more. Some places intermittently drier for spells. Chance isolated thunder.	<b>Hail and snow showers mainly afternoon</b> A few hail and snow showers forming, mostly late morning onwards. Becoming mostly rain lower slopes. During afternoon, showers locally frequent for an hour or so, some heavy. Small risk thunder.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Breaks away from showers</b>  Mostly confined to higher slopes, with breaks to many summits away from showers. Patches below 700m where precipitation is frequent.	<b>Mostly very little</b>  Occasional patches capping higher slopes around showers.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun. The air very clear, but visibility very poor periodically in showers.	Occasional sun, mostly in morning. The air very clear indeed, but very poor visibility around showers.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	-2C, rising toward 0 or 1C, particularly southern Cairngorms by afternoon.  Frost widely from dawn. Rising to 800 to 1000m.	-2C rising to 0 to 2C by afternoon, highest around Glen Garry.  Frost at most elevations at dawn. Rising to 900-1050m by middle of day.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 6 May, 2021**

Unusually cold weather for early May is expected to continue into next week, particularly in Scotland, whilst some milder air is likely to move across England & Wales from the south during the weekend. Higher Scottish mountains persistently sub-zero; the freezing level sometimes widely below 900m, plus frequent frosts on lower terrain overnight.

Areas of hail and snow showers, some heavy with thunder, most widespread in the afternoons.

Another deep Atlantic low is due to move in from the southwest by Saturday - a threat of widespread upland gales, heavy rain, and further snow some areas. Chilly and showery northwesterlies are then likely to resume for a few days.

**Forecast issued at 16:29 on Tuesday, 4 May, 2021**

The production of the Scottish forecasts is fully funded by the Scottish Government through Mountaineering 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 Mountain Weather Information Service, 2021.