

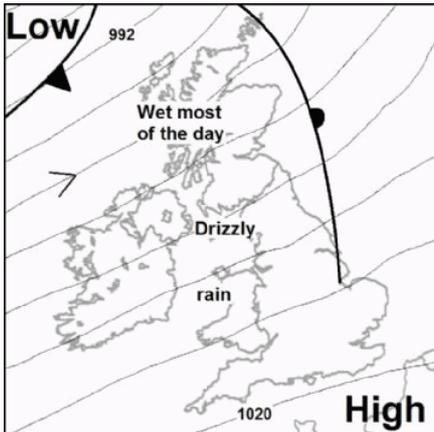
# Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 26 October, 2021



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 26 October, 2021

Widespread gales across the hills, severe on higher terrain, increasingly stormy. A period of rain associated with a warm front, leaving a legacy of drizzly rain and low cloud for many hills. In western Scotland, staying generally wet and heavier rain returns later.

### Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Severe upland gales, becoming stormy. Rain sometimes fading.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 26 October, 2021

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southwesterly, marked increase of speed with height to 40 to 60mph, or 70mph into afternoon on Cairngorm plateau, gusts later 80mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Difficult conditions on hills, any mobility tortuous where exposed on higher terrain; powerful gusts into some corries &amp; passes. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain on and off, heaviest toward west</b> Rain or drizzle may be typically only spots in the wind, but some steadier rain for periods during the morning. Rain returns from the west later in afternoon and into evening. Wettest conditions generally west of the A9.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Fairly persistent higher tops</b> Often covering higher mountains above 900 to 1100m, lowest around Drumochter and west of the A9. Some higher breaks from time to time northern Cairngorms NP.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, glimpses of sun mainly north/east of the Cairngorm plateau. Murky around rain, but away from rain visibility good below cloud, but slight haze.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	3C rising to 8C, then lowering only marginally into evening. Where directly in the wind on tops, chill factor feels like -5C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits

## Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 27 October	Thursday 28 October
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southwesterly, 30 to 45mph.	Southwesterly, 30-35mph for a time, but likely to ease to 20mph or less.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Frequent buffeting, at times conditions may be arduous where exposed on higher tops. Considerable wind chill.</b>	<b>Risk of very blustery conditions early in day, may well become small.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Occasional rain</b> Rain from overnight may linger post-dawn across southern Cairngorms. Occasional patches of rain or drizzle during the day. Very wet underfoot around Ben Alder, some streams in spate.	<b>Occasional rain, mainly south</b> Risk of rain pushing in from the south for a few hours, most rain probably confined to areas near Glen Garry and around Deeside. A few showers spreading from the southwest elsewhere.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mostly higher tops</b> Most cloud confined to higher slopes on the Munros, may persist on the tops, occasionally lifting. Lower for a time in the morning across the southern Cairngorms NP, 700-800m. Best breaks generally toward Lecht.	<b>Mostly higher tops and toward south</b> Lowest cloud focused around southern Cairngorms NP in rain, below 700m for periods, although tending to rise. Higher bases further north, mostly above 900-1000m, higher breaks forming.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>30% south, to 60% north.</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun, most frequent north of the Cairngorms. Visibility good, slight haze.	Mostly cloudy, but some sun breaking through, mainly north of the Cairngorms. Visibility very good away from rain/showers.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	8C, may drop toward 5C later.	4C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits	Above the summits

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 27 October, 2021**

Very wet across many mountains this week. Worst conditions focused on the Lakes and Wales by Wednesday-Thursday, where a slow-moving front brings prolonged heavy rainfall and a likelihood of flooding. Staying unsettled through into the weekend, often windy, periods of gale or severe gales continuing on the mountains.

Above freezing through midweek, then becoming cooler. By the weekend into next week, colder conditions are expected to prevail, with higher Munros sub-zero for a run of days into the start of November. A marked lowering of freezing level is likely for a few days next week with showers of snow and hail on the hills at times.

**Forecast issued at 16:05 on Monday, 25 October, 2021**

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