

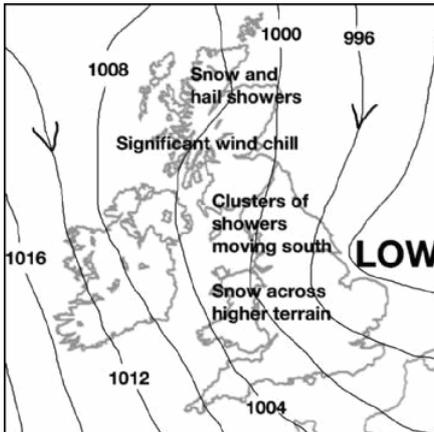
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Wednesday, 1 December, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 1 December, 2021

Strong northwesterly winds will bring colder conditions to all areas once again with clusters of showers moving south across the country through the day, snow falling to lower slopes increasingly through the day but mainly higher slopes in Wales. Cloud frequently covering higher tops.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Snow or hail showers, frequent in morning.
Hill fog often covering tops.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 1 December, 2021

How windy? (On the Munros)	North to northwesterly, 25 to 40mph, suddenly gusty in showers. Risk up to 50mph later in the day in the north.
Effect of wind on you?	Frequent considerable buffeting, at times arduous conditions. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow or hail showers, frequent in morning. Frequent precipitation from dawn giving periods of whiteout. Snow or hail increasingly falling to lowest slopes. Chance isolated thunder. Showers will become well scattered into afternoon with lengthy dry spells, before snow showers become frequent again into evening.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive at first, then often covering tops. Extensive hill fog above 500-800m from dawn, but bases lifting toward midday to become confined above 800-1000m. Some fleeting breaks to tops at bases vary, but these mostly S Cairngorms.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20 to 50%; highest in the south afternoon.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief bursts of sun. Visibility sometimes very good, but suddenly appalling when in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C lowering through day to -4C. Will feel closer to -15C or below in direct exposure to strongest winds.
Freezing Level	500 to 600m, but by mid afternoon onward dropping to freezing from lowest slopes upward.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 2 December	Friday 3 December
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northerly 25 to 40mph at dawn, will ease progressively to become northwesterly 15 to 25mph in afternoon. Be prepared for arduous conditions for a few hours in the morning with significant wind chill, easing by afternoon.	West to northwest 25 to 30mph at dawn, will progressively ease to 10 to 20mph by the afternoon. Considerable wind chill and buffeting at dawn, but soon easing to become mostly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Occasional snow showers Occasional snow showers, perhaps frequent for a time N Cairngorms early in day, before easing in the afternoon. Risk snow setting in from west in evening.	Early rain/snow petering out The legacy of a front, that will have given some snow to low levels overnight, will leave damp conditions for a time after dawn, but mostly clearing by midday.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Covering tops for a few hours in north. Will cover higher slopes in and around showers, perhaps for much of morning, before breaking up. Mostly clear in south. Deterioration in evening as snow arrives.	Extensive, but tending to lift and break Banks of cloud covering the hills fairly extensively for several hours from dawn. Bases varying, but locally to lower slopes. Will tend to lift and break up through day. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine, most widely in afternoon, although high cloud increasing. Visibility excellent, but suddenly very poor in snow showers.	Mostly cloudy, but here and there a little sun breaking through. Murky morning, but visibility Bec coming good or very good into afternoon.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-4C Terrain widely frozen after widespread frost at dawn.	0 to -2C 700-900m; highest in morning.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 2 December, 2021**

North or northwesterly winds will dominate through the rest of the week - most mountains frequently sub-zero onward into the weekend, at times to lower slopes. Some variation of freezing level, mainly toward western coasts and brief tongues of less cold air may move across Wales, perhaps the south Pennines. Frequent precipitation, mostly snow on the mountains, sometimes heavy showers with hail. Winds varied, but often strong, gales or severe upland gales at times.

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