

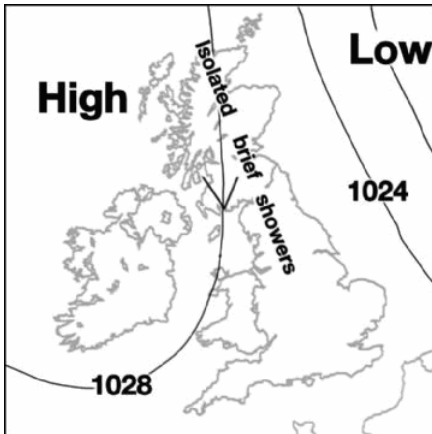
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 28 May, 2022



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 28 May, 2022

Extensively dry with patches of sun, although a few brief showers. However, it will remain chilly, particularly near the coast of NW Scotland, where higher areas will be below freezing point.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Cold. Risk of a shower - of hail or on higher tops snow.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 28 May, 2022

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly, 25mph, perhaps 30mph at times higher tops east from Cairngorm plateau to Lochnagar.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small; but considerable wind chill on higher areas.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no precipitation Many areas dry all day, but here and there a shower, of hail, or snow on higher tops.
Cloud on the hills?	Most summits clearing, but may persist on Cairngorm plateau Cairngorm plateau eastwards: Cloud base typically 800 to 1050m from late morning, may then clear to 1200m or above at times. Elsewhere: Patchy cloud on higher tops will more or less all clear mid to late morning.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20% Cairngorm plateau and Lochnagar to from late morning 70% elsewhere.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patches of bright sun, although cloud will tend to fill in during the day. Little sun at all east from Cairngorms. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	2 to 4C after dawn. Will rise marginally Cairngorm plateau east to Lochnagar but to 5 to 7C elsewhere. Feeling as cold as -7C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Close to freezing point above 1000-1200m on Cairngorms but elsewhere above the summits by late morning.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 29 May	Monday 30 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Northerly, 20 to 25mph but possibly 30mph east from Cairngorm plateau. Mostly fairly small, but significant buffeting and also wind chill east from Cairngorm plateau.	Direction may well vary, mostly less than 15mph, perhaps calm on some summits. But locally gusts 25mph in precipitation. Mostly negligible, although temporary sudden buffeting near precipitation in the afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers or flurries Occasional showers morning, mostly brief, of hail or above 800m snow. The showers may become more widespread afternoon.	Areas of heavy precipitation developing A few patches of rain, or above 800m snow, will drift about lowly from dawn. Will deteriorate from later morning as precipitation becomes widespread and heavy with risk thunder. Total rainfall very varied over a few miles.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Often covering higher Cairngorms East from Cairngorms: cloud base 650 to 800m rising for periods to 900 or 1000m. Elsewhere: Cloud base will rise, by late morning, higher tops intermittently cloud free, but cloud will form as low as about 700m near showers. 30% north, 60% south.	Will come and go, sometimes extensive and shrouding lower slopes Considerable variation, particularly afternoon. Broadly, cloud base will rise from 550 to 800m (lowest N Cairngorms) after dawn toward 800 to 1100m by late morning. But in precipitation expect fog widely on higher slopes and in some areas on lower slopes as well. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, brief bursts of sun. Visibility excellent.	Patches of sunshine (mainly west of A9 and southern Cairngorm NP) will tend to give way to occasional bursts of sun, although some coasts will become sunnier. Very poor visibility in snow, but often excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	0C rising to 3C. 850m rising to 1100m east from Cairngorm plateau by midday. Slight frost at first some valleys and corries.	2C, but up to 4C afternoon. 1050m, although 1250m away from precipitation by afternoon. Frost at first some valleys and upland dips.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 29 May, 2022

Relatively low temperatures on the mountains much of next week; particularly on the Scottish highlands where higher tops will frequently be near freezing point. Showers, some heavy and thundery, giving hail and on higher tops snow, will be widespread, particularly in the afternoons, when in some areas they will merge to give a few hours of precipitation.

Forecast issued at 7:33 on Saturday, 28 May, 2022

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