

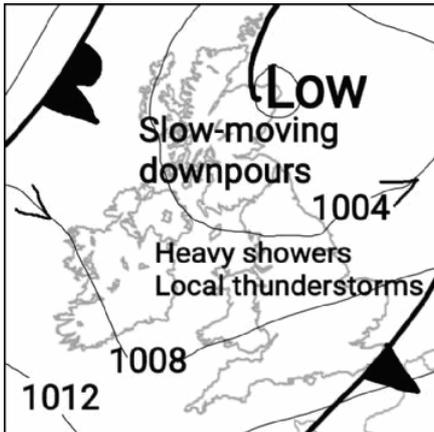
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 11 July, 2023



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 July, 2023

Low pressure centred over northern Scotland, will bring an unsettled and showery day across all mountain areas. Clusters of showers from dawn near coastal areas, will spread inland and develop further into areas of heavy showery rain and local thunderstorms. Rainfall, slow-moving, over Scotland.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Areas of rain and developing heavy downpours, risk lightning. Hill fog in rain.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 11 July, 2023

How windy? (On the Munros)	Speed and direction likely to vary, marked lulls, but sudden gusts around rain. Later north to northwesterly 25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Often small, but risk becoming increasingly blustery and feeling chilly on higher terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy downpours, risk lightning Areas of rain from dawn, will rotate around a broad centre of low pressure. These will develop into clusters of showers with heavy downpours, and the risk these of merging into an hour or more of rain. Localised thunderstorms possible.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive in rain Shrouding the mountains most or all day, local variations in and out of rain. Ragged patches lower slopes upward during/after heavier rain. During drier intervals, some breaks may form to higher slopes, perhaps between cloud banks.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, brief glimpses of sun, weak due to high cloud. Visibility good away from rain, but many mountains misty, poor conditions in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	7C, little change all day. If wind strengthens, will feel near/below freezing on higher tops.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 12 July	Thursday 13 July
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	West later northwesterly, generally 25 to 40mph, but perhaps periods around showers where lifts up to 50mph. Be prepared for arduous conditions for periods, perhaps even difficult in and around showers. Significant wind chill.	Northwesterly 15 to 20mph, perhaps gusting above 25mph in and around showers. Mostly small, but beware of sudden gusts in the vicinity of showers or local thunderstorms.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, afternoon thundery downpours Detail uncertain: Local drizzle/residual showers at first fading. Then dry for a time, before further showers develop; risk thundery downpours afternoon.	Showers, downpours developing. Mostly dry start, bar some isolated patches of rain. Towards afternoon showers will develop, with heavy downpours in the afternoon, risk thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied, lowering onto hills in rain. Varied. Early patches at first within any residual drizzle will clear. Then breaks to the tops, but as showers form, ragged patches may form at varying heights.	Lowering onto hills in rain showers. Likely hills clear for several hours, but as showers or downpours develop, patches or banks will form at varying heights in and around rain. May fill in widely tops.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	60%	70%, but lowering to 40% in rain.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Skies filled in with cloud often, but some glimpses of sun. Visibility very good, but poor in rain.	Occasional sun from dawn, but skies tending to fill in with cloud. Visibility very good, but becoming poor in heavy showers.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	6 or 7C Above the summits	6C lifting to 8 or 9C in the afternoon. Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 12 July, 2023

Staying unsettled through this week with low pressure dominant. Areas of rain and showers will affect all areas. Heavy bursts with a risk of thunderstorms. Temperatures on the cool side across the mountains. Wind speeds will vary, typically west or southwesterly, some lulls, but at times strong giving marked wind chill.

Indications favour unsettled weather continuing through next weekend into the start of the following week with low pressure close to Scotland. Unlikely to see any very warm weather returning in the next couple of weeks.

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