

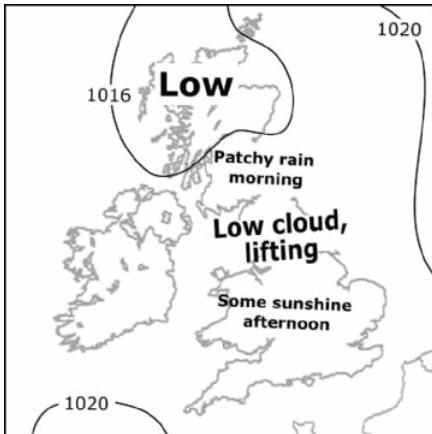
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Friday, 24 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 24 May, 2024

Weakening low pressure over Scotland leaves extensive low clouds over the hills. Inland Scotland and northern England patchy rain in the morning and in the afternoon. Some sunshine in the south (Peak District, Brecon Beacons) and on western Scottish coast second part of the day. Only gentle breeze even on the highest tops.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Cloudy with local showers.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 24 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Variable 10-15mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Local rain or showers, mostly inland Patchy rain drifting around slowly from dawn into the morning. Local brief showers forming into the afternoon. Wet ground and fast flowing streams.
Cloud on the hills?	Often covering tops Varied banks of cloud covering the hills in the morning, bases tending to rise during the day, some breaks to upper slopes, but returning as ragged patches around showers.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun occasionally. Visibility good away from rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4 to 6C
Freezing Level	Above the summits

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 25 May	Sunday 26 May
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	South to southeasterly, 20 to 30mph, with gusts up to 40mph in the afternoon. Considerable wind chill, walking strenuous and balance affected on higher tops.	South to southeasterly, 20 to 30mph, with gusts up to 40mph possible on the highest tops. Fairly small, on the highest tops moderate at times, there walking impeded.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Morning drizzle possible. Light drizzle possible in the morning, later rain unlikely.	Chance early rain, showery bursts later. Highly uncertain development, most likely dry morning and noon apart from few rain spots west of Ben Macdui. In the late afternoon widely developing showers and risk of isolated thunder.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Morning covering tops, later lifting and breaking Starting with dense clouds covering hills and valleys, later widely lifting with some breaks in cloud cover. 10%, rising to 80%	Hills covered most of the day. Only some hills clear in the morning, most likely those east of Ben Macdui. Later lowering bases and hardly any tops clear. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Some sunshine through breaks in the cloud cover later in the day. Visibility good, possible slight haze.	Few sunbeams in the morning toward eastern Cairngorms, later with dense clouds hardly any sunshine. Visibility moderate at start, worsening.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	7 to 10C. Above the summits.	7 to 10C, feeling close to freezing where exposed to strong winds. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 25 May, 2024

Low pressure system will fade upon the weekend arrival, allowing for a short improvement in the weather on Saturday. Into Sunday, shallow low from the east brings a risk of worsening conditions in Scotland and northern England, while western areas will see a new cold front coming from the Atlantic bringing moist, unstable air and spells of rain or showers, continuing into Bank Holiday. With a series of fronts from the west, next week will likely stay changeable, with more cloudy and wet days than sunny spells.

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