

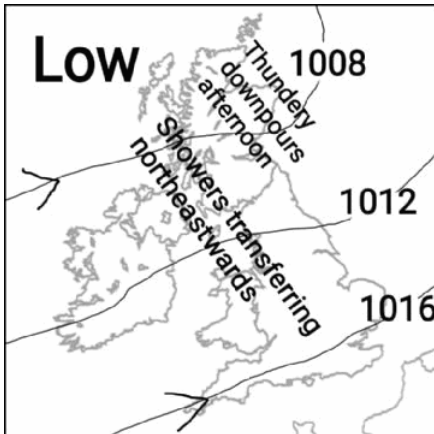
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Monday, 27 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 27 May, 2024

Low pressure to northwest, brings an unstable southwesterly with clusters of rain or showers in the west, heaviest on the coast, transferring northeastwards through the day. This will allow an afternoon improvement in the west, whilst a focus of heavy downpours and thunderstorms will affect the east and northeast.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Dry start then showers developing. Risk of thunderstorms in the afternoon.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 27 May, 2024

How windy? (On the Munros)	Variable, 10 to 20mph, in the afternoon changing to westerly and strengthening, with gusts up to 35mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Small at start, starting to affect walking in the afternoon - risk of sudden buffeting gusts near around thunderstorms.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Dry start, soon showers, north thundery. Dry at start, around noon widely developing showers, increasing risk of thunderstorms after noon, highest toward Strathspey and Deeside.
Cloud on the hills?	Morning widely covered, afternoon by thunderstorms. Hills extensively covered at start, lifting during the day, mostly clearing the tops. Clouds return to the hills in locations of downpours.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%, later 60% from the west.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Few sunbeams at best in the morning toward easternmost Cairngorms, later hardly any sunshine. Good visibility if below clouds, worsening by thunderstorms.
How Cold? (at 900m)	6 to 9C. As wind strengthens will feel near or even below freezing on higher terrain.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 28 May	Wednesday 29 May
<p>How windy? (On the Munros)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Low confidence: South to southeasterly 10 to 20mph, but risk sudden gusts to 30mph or so in any showers that form.</p> <p>Mostly small, but scope for sudden gusty conditions in and around any heavy showers that develop.</p>	<p>Fairly light and variable for several hours, before tending to become northwesterly 10 to perhaps 15mph later.</p> <p>Mostly negligible, but scope for sudden gusts into afternoon in and around heavy showers.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Risk of heavy showers forming</p> <p>From dawn, mostly dry, but risk of bursts of rain here and there edging up from south. Toward and into afternoon, potential for heavy showers to form, risk thunder.</p>	<p>Clusters of heavy showers, risk thunder.</p> <p>Perhaps mostly dry from dawn, but showers will break out from mid morning onwards, leading to clusters of slow-moving heavy showers afternoon, risk local thunderstorms.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p>	<p>Cloud banks varying, best breaks north.</p> <p>Be prepared for some banks of cloud at varying heights, most extensive eastern hills in morning, and during any afternoon downpours. Best breaks in the north.</p>	<p>Cloud banks most extensive early, and in downpours.</p> <p>Within a humid environment, expect widespread cloud banks at varying heights, some slopes or tops clear above or between cloud layers. Slow rise in bases, away from heavy downpours.</p>
<p>Chance of cloud free Munros?</p>	<p>40% in south, 60% in the north.</p>	<p>40%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>High cloud increasing from south, but scope for some patches of sun, before clouds tend to bubble up. Visibility mostly very good, poor in rain.</p>	<p>Often overcast, with limited patches of sun. May become sunnier coastal hills. Visibility good, but rather murky at times in morning, and poor visibility in rain.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 900m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>7C</p> <p>Above the summits</p>	<p>7C</p> <p>Above the summits</p>

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 28 May, 2024

Tuesday will see unsettled conditions prevail with spells of rain moving in from the southwest courtesy of a warm front. Uncertainty on northward extent, but heavy showers may develop over the Highlands. Wednesday will see frequent areas of heavy showers or local thunderstorms, western coastal hills best. Then scope for drier conditions to develop as a ridge of high pressure moves in from the west, bringing a north to northwest flow. Low cloud and drizzly showers likely NW Scotland.

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