

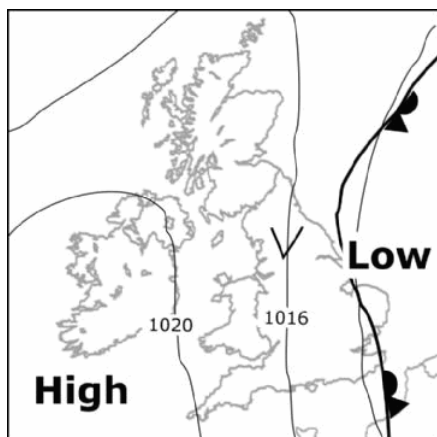
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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, 25 November, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 25 November, 2025

Higher areas, mainly Scottish Highlands frozen, and frost some valleys at first.

Otherwise, benign as from the west the northerly wind drops and snow and hail showers become isolated.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Higher areas frozen; a few brief hail showers Deeside. Wind dropping.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 25 November, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly 20 to perhaps 30mph at dawn, strongest Deeside. Will gradually easing through daylight to 10mph and toward dusk backing westerly.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous at dawn, mainly toward Deeside, but becoming negligible.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow/hail showers mainly eastern Cairngorms Occasional brief showers, of hail or snow above about 400m, Deeside in morning. Rare if any flurries elsewhere.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied; some higher tops clearing, most remaining in cloud. Generally, cloud base 700 to 900m - the cloud widespread eastern Cairngorms and Deeside morning. Otherwise, cloud will lift off some higher summits, but could come and go above about 1050m.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% eastern Cairngorms to in afternoon 60% elsewhere
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of bright sunshine, though little sun east from Cairngorms. The air very clear so excellent visibility, but fog frequently on higher slopes.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C
Freezing Level	750m, rising slowly through day. Some frozen ground lower slopes after frost in valleys.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 26 November	Thursday 27 November
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly soon 45 to 55mph. Will veer more westerly late in day and ease a little. Some easing through day, but extensively difficult walking where exposed with powerful gusts and considerable wind chill	South to southwesterly, strengthening through day, & quickly with height to widely 60mph where exposed on higher tops. Severe wind chill and walking difficult. Where exposed on higher areas, generally mobility a struggle.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and drizzle now and again Rain and drizzle spreading east morning (snow above 700m for a few hours). The rain off and on, and generally light northern Cairngorms NP; very little at all Deeside.	Rain on and off Pulses of rain, most frequent Ben Alder and southern Cairngorms NP, very little toward Deeside.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Becoming very extensive higher areas Some higher slopes initially cloud free. Will gradually deteriorate as cloud forms above 450 to 600m east from Ben Alder to S Cairngorms NP; but 700 to 1000m elsewhere, highest Deeside and near Cairngorm ski centre. Dropping to less than 10%	Mountains persistently foggy. Persistent cloud from 300 to 550m Ben Alder and southern Cairngorms NP. Elsewhere, cloud base between 600m and 1000m (generally highest Deeside and near Cairngorm ski centre). 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Pockets of weak sun lower slopes near Cairngorms; otherwise gradually becoming extensively dull and misty.	Rare glimpses of weak sun lower slopes northernmost Cairngorms/Deeside. Visibility widely poor in rain; otherwise hazy.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-1C rising to 3C through daylight. Will feel as cold as minus 14C directly in the wind. 750m morning; gradually transitioning to above the summits. Frost many valleys at dawn.	7C. Will feel as cold as minus 18C directly in the wind. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 26 November, 2025

A long series of Atlantic lows passing north of or across Britain will bring high rainfall to western mountains together with frequent upland gales (sometimes storm force) and low cloud. Temperatures on higher tops sometimes below freezing point, particularly at the weekend in Scotland, but elsewhere fresh snow transient.

Forecast issued at 12:15 on Monday, 24 November, 2025

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