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# **Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath**

Cairngorms National Park and Monadhliath. Also includes the Ben Alder area hills between Loch Ericht and Loch Laggan.

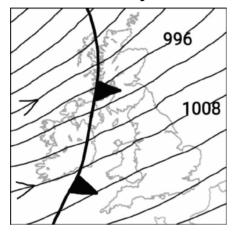


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## General Summary for Thursday, 27 November, 2025



# British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 27 November, 2025

Powerful south to south-westerly winds, bringing widespread upland gales with rain on and off, frequent or constant for western mountains, and persistent fog across the hills. Later a cold front will move in, clearing to squally showers Scotland around dusk.

#### Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Gales or severe gales with severe wind chill. Pules of rain and extensive hill fog.

# Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 27 November, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly, strengthening through day, & quickly with height to widely 60mph where exposed on higher tops.	
Effect of wind on you?	Severe wind chill and walking difficult. Where exposed on higher areas, generally mobility a struggle.	
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain on and off Pulses of rain, most frequent Ben Alder and southern Cairngorms NP, very little toward Deeside.	
Cloud on the hills?	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).	
Chance of cloud free Munros?	10%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare glimpses of weak sun lower slopes northernmost Cairngorms/Deeside.  Visibility widely poor in rain; otherwise hazy.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	7C. Will feel as cold as minus18C directly in the wind.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	

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#### Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Friday 28 November	Saturday 29 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southwesterly 50 to 70mph, perhaps topping 80mph for a time over northern tops in the morning.	Low confidence in forecast: Most likely northerly, 15 to 25mph, may increase to 30 to 40mph through day.
Effect of wind on you?	Extensively difficult or very difficult conditions with severe wind chill and buffeting. Strong gusts into glens.	Be prepared for significant wind chill in the north wind and some buffeting, which may increase through day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers increasingly, snow upper slopes.	Scattered snow and hail showers
	Showers increasingly moving in. Most widely to hills from Ben Alder to Drumochter. Snow above 700m or so. Few reaching eastern hills.	Scattered snow and hail showers, becoming increasingly confined to northern parts. May ease away completely.
Cloud on the hills?	Occasional covering tops	Varying, covering tops fairly widely.
	Bases varying markedly, but extensively covering tops Ben Alder to Drumochter. More on and off tops elsewhere, down to 700-800m in showers.	Cloud cover variable across area, but scope for fairly extensive coverage across the tops above 800-1000m, with the best breaks in the south.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	40%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below	Occasional sun, perhaps frequent in east.	A mix of cloud and patchy sun; the latter mostly in the south.
cloud)	Visibility ranging from very good, to poor or very poor in showers.	Visibility excellent, but poor or very poor in showers.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 or -1C	Around -2C
Freezing Level	800-900m	Around 600m

### **Planning Outlook**

#### All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 28 November, 2025

Colder over the weekend again, but much uncertainty on the track of a small scale low on Saturday which would bring rain, upland snow and a core of strong winds for a time, most likely England and Wales. Sunday then mostly dry, bright and cold. Next week,. 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 stormy) and low cloud. Freeze-thaw cycles, with periods of fresh snow for Scottish hills especially.

#### Forecast issued at 13:07 on Wednesday, 26 November, 2025

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