

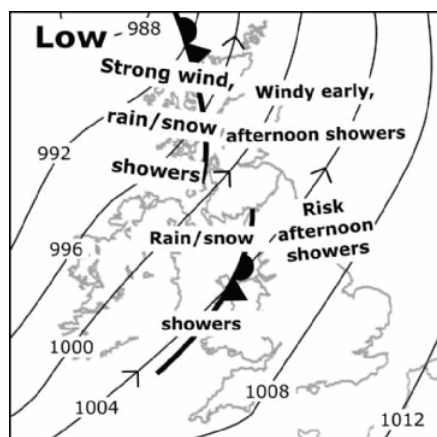
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Wednesday, 3 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 3 December, 2025

Widely breezy, strongest northern England and Scotland, early gales over high Munros; easing but staying blustery northwest Scotland. Showery rain onto west coast slopes down to Wales (snow on high terrain) most of the day, some reaching further east afternoon. Greatest chance of dry weather south Pennines.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Blustery, gales over tops early; scattered showery rain/snow

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 3 December, 2025

How windy? (On the Munros)	South-southwesterly 30-35mph; gusty over tops before noon up to 45mph. Easing slightly for a few hours from dusk though deteriorating in the later overnight hours.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking most of the day in exposure; buffeting gusts will challenge balance on high tops through morning. Significant wind chill and deteriorating overnight.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Some snow showers, mostly south/west Scattered light showers onto high and southern Cairngorms and Drumochter, falling as snow flurries above 700-800m though minimal accumulation. Showers more frequent for a time afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly high tops and southern slopes Fog covers the high summits and upper southern slopes, including Monadhliath; lowest bases around Drumochter, down to 600m (or lower afternoon). Mostly just high terrain north of high tops with many slopes out of fog.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	20% to 50% northern Monadhliath
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Best of sunshine low slopes of northern Cairngorms and Monadhliath, largely overcast elsewhere. Excellent visibility though turning very poor in snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 or 1C. Feeling like -13C in direct strongest wind.
Freezing Level	900-1000m

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 4 December, 2025

Low pressure circulating to the west and north will dominate the weather for the next 7 to 10 days, bringing generally unsettled weather. A brief period of slack pressure on Thursday into Friday will ease winds for a time though patchy rain will linger in several areas. Strong southwesterly winds return over the weekend bringing cloud and rain to many mountains, most persistent on southwestern slopes. Temperatures and freezing level will vary, but staying chilly with highest terrain likely near or below 0C. Several low pressure systems will then pass through next week, bringing frequent periods of cloud, rain, and strong wind, likely gale force on high terrain at times. Occasional windows of dry, brighter weather will occur. Best chance east.

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