

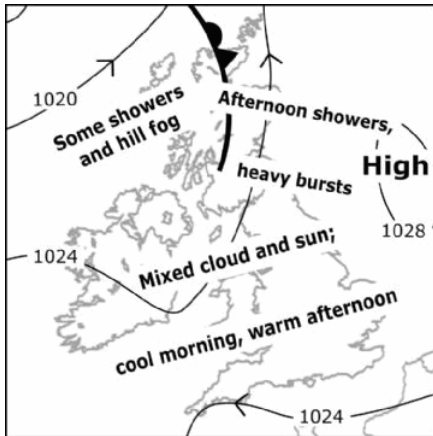
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Sunday, 26 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 26 April, 2026

Showers in Scotland spread east, turning heavy afternoon. Fog lowering to high terrain in the west Highlands, becoming cooler here. Patchy dawn mist England and Wales, a broader low layer of sea fog east of the Pennines, lifting for clear hills; risk of a few late showers in north England. A cool start, becoming mild.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Early cloud lifts above summits; afternoon showers

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 26 April, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	South-southwesterly 10-15mph; some variability and trending westerly with time. Some gustiness, not just on high terrain.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small, though some local gusty spots, and not just on high terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Scattered showers, more frequent and heavy afternoon Scattered showers with dry periods, then risk of a larger cluster of showers forming through afternoon with a risk of heavy bursts.
Cloud on the hills?	Early cloud below high summits, largely clearing Cloud at various heights in the morning, mostly below 900m, and most extensive southern Cairngorm slopes/Deeside; only patchy mist north and soon clear. Cloud lifts and gradually dissipates through morning. Summits often clear afternoon, but cloud returns above 1200m in heavy showers.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	80% (summits above morning cloud)
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine, best in the morning north but weakened by high cloud, which may at times thicken. Very good visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3 to 5C at dawn, mildest northern Cairngorms, rising to 8 or 9C, always mildest to the north and east.
Freezing Level	Above the summits. A chance of patchy light frosts in some eastern glens and corries.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Monday 27 April	Tuesday 28 April
How windy? (On the Munros) Effect of wind on you?	Variable, generally northwesterly, 10-15mph, lower speeds at times too. Strong gusts around afternoon showers. Fairly small, though occasional inconvenient gusts over high terrain, strongest afternoon.	Northerly or variable, around 10mph, sometimes higher and lower. Small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers and drizzle Showers come and go most of the day, drizzle on high terrain even between showers. A risk of heavy bursts later, most likely near Deeside.	Any rain unlikely Small chance of odd spots of light rain in the east early in the day, but likely entirely dry.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free Munros?	Mostly high terrain, breaks for a time Most terrain above 900m shrouded in the morning, cloud most extensive north and east at first. Bases lift to mostly above 1000m, breaks forming for a time, but then returning more frequently afternoon, particularly east where bases may lower towards 900m. 50%	Rising to or above summits Fairly extensive on high terrain from dawn, lowest on eastern and northern slopes. Highest tops may be close to top of cloud layer at dawn. Fog lifts after sunrise, largely above the summits, but a chance of returning above 1000m south and east. 30% rising to 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun. Variable visibility, poor in cloud and rain but excellent during breaks.	Patchy sunshine through high cloud, trending sunnier with time. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	4C rising to 7C, or 8C Drumochter to Braemar. Cooler northern Cairngorms, and cooling locally during showers. Above the summits.	4C, rising up to 12C around Drumochter, 9 or 10C far east. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 27 April, 2026**

Monday is likely showery, risk heavy with lightning in England. An easterly wind then gradually establishes in England and Wales, chilly nights and mornings with patchy dawn mist and light frosts, this soon fading for warm days. High pressure remains dominant through the week: regularly sunny and pleasantly warm days; summit temperatures often at or above 10C, many valleys will warm toward 20C or higher afternoon. Risk of sunburn in strong sunshine and very dry springtime ground conditions with high risk of wildfire.

Detail becomes uncertain into next weekend, but a rising risk of showers and longer spells of rain, mostly England and Wales, and likely turning cooler into the following week as wind shifts northerly.

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