

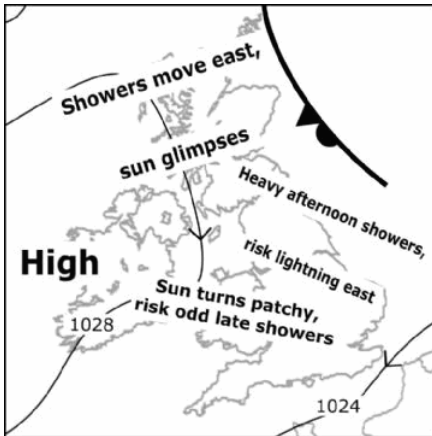
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 April, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 27 April, 2026

Morning showers and fog Scottish Highlands, showers trending eastward, heavier afternoon. Dry morning England and Wales, little hill cloud, then heavy afternoon showers, frequent and locally torrential over the Pennines with a risk of lightning. Little wind, but gusty around afternoon showers, deteriorating into night.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Early fog improving; turning showery, risk heavy afternoon

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 27 April, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northwesterly 10-15mph, trending northerly time. Wind may ease somewhat, but notable gusts occurring near showers.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, though occasional inconvenient gusts over high terrain and later around showers.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers and drizzle, risk heavy later Showers come and go most of the day, drizzly on the high tops in fog even between showers. Showers will increase in frequency with a rising risk of heavy bursts too.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly high terrain, breaks for a time Most terrain above 900m shrouded in the morning, cloud most extensive north and east at first, to 600m. 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 during showers.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun. Variable visibility, poor in cloud and rain but excellent during breaks.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4C rising to 7C, or 8C Drumochter to Braemar. Northern Cairngorm slopes stay cooler, then suddenly cooling near afternoon showers.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 28 April	Wednesday 29 April
How windy? (On the Munros)	Variable 10mph or less.	Southeasterly, some variability, 10mph, often less.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible.	Negligible.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Any rain unlikely Small chance of odd spots of light rain in the east early in the day, but likely entirely dry.	No rain expected
Cloud on the hills?	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.	Little or none Patchy mist in glens and corries from dawn, locally thicker layers of fog south Cairngorms. Soon lifting and dissipating for cloud-free Munros.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% rising to 70%	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine through high cloud, trending sunnier with time. Excellent visibility.	Widely sunny. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4C, rising up to 12C around Drumochter, 9 or 10C far east.	8C rising to 10 to 12C, always mildest northern Cairngorm slopes.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 28 April, 2026**

A core of high pressure lingers northeast of Scotland well into the week. The weather will be mostly sunny but also windy, particularly in Wales and the southern Pennines; challenging conditions are likely for several days on high Welsh mountains, powerful gusts over tops and downslope to the west requiring great effort to maintain stability. Despite Monday showers, dry ground conditions, warm temperatures, and wind bring a high risk of wildfire. More settled in Scotland, though breezy in the west, most hill cloud in the east.

Detail becomes uncertain into next weekend, but a rising risk of showers and longer spells of rain as pressure begins to drop.

Forecast issued at 15:58 on Sunday, 26 April, 2026

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