

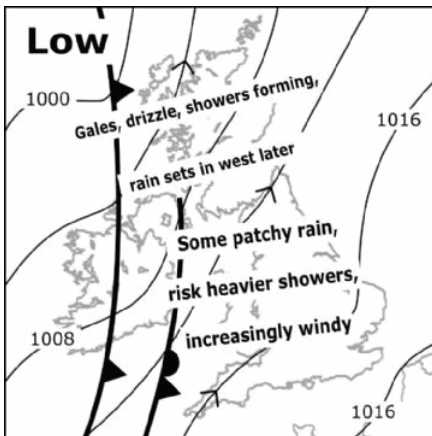
# Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

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 Saturday, 27 June, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 27 June, 2026**

Widely windy, afternoon gales across Scotland, possibly Lakeland and Snowdonia too. In Scotland, drizzle gives way to showery rain, setting in late in the day over western hills. Patchy rain England and Wales with dry windows and warm sunny moments, but a rising risk of showery bursts through afternoon, locally heavy.

### Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Some early drizzle; afternoon gales and showery rain, risk thunder

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 27 June, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b>	Southerly 25-30mph, strengthening to peak speeds in range 40mph to possibly 50mph afternoon, with stronger gusts likely over high tops for a period.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Expect strenuous walking conditions in exposure from dawn, increasingly challenging in places with buffeting gusts knocking you off balance. Feeling chilly.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Bursts of rain develop, risk thunder</b> A drier window through morning, some drizzle around high hills in cloud, but with time increasing risk of showery downpours developing from southwest, risk of local thunder, and perhaps some more persistent falls forming west Cairngorms and Monadhliath late in the day.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Varied, briefly well-broken, more extensive around rain afternoon</b> Varied to fairly extensive cloud banks in the morning, to some lower slopes in south. Rising with breaks forming, perhaps above 900m for several hours with clear north slopes, but then filling in again around rain, ragged patches at varied heights from low levels up.
<b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Occasional glimpses of sun, more often sunny north slopes until later in the day. Some mistiness in morning. Visibility good for periods where dry (notably north), but poor around rain.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	12 or 13C to starting, rising slightly, up to 16C north of the Cairngorm plateau. Still rather humid. Feeling like 5C in direct wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.

## Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 28 June	Monday 29 June
<b>How windy? (On the Munros)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southwesterly 20-30mph, trending towards higher speeds, gusting 35-40mph over high tops into evening. <b>Ease of walking impacted, increasingly strenuous through afternoon and feeling cool.</b>	West-southwesterly 30-40mph at dawn, quite gusty over Cairngorm plateau. Easing to finish near 15-25mph. <b>Walking arduous over high tops in the morning with significant wind chill and buffeting; easing to fairly small effects.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Morning rain mostly clears afternoon</b> Several bands of rain drift west-to-east through morning, brief heavy falls and dry windows. By afternoon, likely just patchy rain from near Drumochter to Braemar, often dry, though risk a cluster of late showers.	<b>Scattered patchy rain, often dry</b> Patchy rain affecting south and western slopes at dawn, soon becoming well scattered and mostly isolating towards Drumochter; any rain further east amounting to little.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free Munros?</b>	<b>Bases rise afternoon, increasingly broken</b> Likely shrouding high terrain through morning, variable bases from 700-900m in and out of rain. Through afternoon, rising with high breaks increasingly, and later just passing banks over high summits.  <b>30% rising to 70%</b>	<b>Fairly extensive towards A9, improving</b>  <b>Rising to 60% east</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	A few glimpses of morning sunshine, then a patchwork of cloud and sun afternoon. Visibility becomes excellent.	A patchwork of cloud and sun, most extensive sun far east hills. Very good visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	8 to 11C, mildest northeast Cairngorms in the morning, slight cooling trend afternoon. Feeling near freezing in strongest wind. Above the summits.	6 or 7C, rising to 10C, a degree warmer easternmost hills. Feeling like -2 to -5C in strongest wind. Above the summits.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 28 June, 2026

Cooler on Sunday as the weather pattern returns to an Atlantic influence. Bands of rain sweep eastward early Sunday, followed by fresher, sunnier weather with some patchy showers in the north and west. This westerly Atlantic pattern dominates next week: high pressure south and low pressure north will bring alternating periods of rain punctuated by bright sunshine. Wind generally on the strong side with mild to sometimes warm temperatures, though cooler and windier spells at times produce significant wind chill on Scottish tops. Day-to-day detail currently uncertain, but western hill groups from Lakeland northward will see the most cloud and patchy rain, while east and southern areas likely drier and sunnier. This pattern is indicated to continue into the following weekend.

### Forecast issued at 16:29 on Friday, 26 June, 2026

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