

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 09 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 10 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 09 Jan 2021 at 02:29 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a few days of less cold but windy conditions with some heavy rain and snow. Increasing confidence for a return to dry, bright, cold weather on Tuesday with light winds.

Headline for Saturday 09 Jan 2021: Cloudy with occasional light sleet and snow turning to rain for a time in afternoon. Bitterly cold, windy on tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 09 Jan 2021

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

High Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds







No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Light snow	Sleet	Heavy Rain	Sleet	Light snow	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
70%	70%	80%	80%	60%	20%

Forecast for Saturday 09 Jan 2021

Weather: Cloudy with patchy light snow during the morning, turning to sleet then rain at most levels for a time in afternoon. Rain will turn back to snow after dark before dying out in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% in east of area but little chance in west. There will be extensive cloud cover down the hills, lifting above some of the tops towards Caithness hills and Ben Wyvis.

Visibility: Generally misty in west of area with visibility reducing to less than a kilometre in sleet and snow. Generally good visibility in east of area.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	44/50 SW	39/47 SW	37/47 SW	36/46 W	27/35 NW	22/29 NW	19/25 W
900	41/47 SW	38/46 SW	35/44 SW	35/45 W	26/34 NW	21/28 NW	19/25 W
600	26/33 SW	24/33 SW	23/33 SW	24/34 W	17/25 NW	13/20 NW	12/18 W
300	2/30 SW	4/32 SW	5/31 SW	6/35 W	5/26 NW	3/21 NW	3/20 W
Glen	15/33 S	13/29 SW	13/28 SW	16/32 W	11/24 NW	8/19 NW	7/17 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-4/-14	-2/-11	-1/-10	-0/-9	-3/-12	-4/-12	-5/-12
900	-3/-13	-1/-10	0/-8	0/-8	-2/-10	-4/-11	-4/-11
600	-1/-9	1/-6	2/-4	2/-4	0/-6	-1/-6	-1/-7
300	0/-1	2/-0	3/1	3/1	1/-1	1/-1	0/-2
Glen	3/-2	4/0	6/2	6/2	5/1	4/1	4/1
Freezing Level*	400m	800m	1000m	1000m	500m	200m	200m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Combination of strong winds and sub-zero temperatures will make it feel bitterly cold on higher ridges and summits.

Forecast for Sunday 10 Jan 2021

Weather: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain, persistent and heavy in west of area. Any sleet or snow confined to highest tops. Continuing to feel bitterly cold on higher ridges and summits due to strong winds, temperatures only a few degrees above freezing and wet conditions.

Maximum wind: Westerly winds with average speeds increasing to 40mph and gusts 60mph in the afternoon over higher tops.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance with extensive cloud cover well down the hills.

Visibility: Very misty conditions and becoming very poor in heavier rain.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 Celsius rising to 6 Celsius.

At 800m: Plus 4 Celsius.

Freezing level: Rising above the tops.