

## South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 02 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 03 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 02 Jan 2021 at 03:39 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** High for a mix of sunshine and limited showers through the coming days.

**Headline for Saturday 02 Jan 2021:** Mostly cloudy, best of the sunshine in the south. Light snow at times. Cold northerly winds.

### Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 02 Jan 2021

**Blizzards**

No Likelihood

**Heavy Snow**

No Likelihood

**Storm force winds**

No Likelihood

**Gales**

No Likelihood

**Severe chill effect**

Medium Likelihood

**Poor visibility**

Low Likelihood

**Thunderstorms**

No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent rain**

No 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
					
Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow showers	Sunny intervals	Light snow	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
20%	30%	20%	30%	20%	20%

### Forecast for Saturday 02 Jan 2021

**Weather:** Rather cloudy for much of the Aberdeenshire hills with occasional light snow flurries likely. Dry further south, sunny in the morning, but cloud increasing for a few hours in the afternoon.

**Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m:** 60% in north through to mid-morning, otherwise 80% with patchy cloud occasionally affecting the tops.

**Visibility:** Variable, poor in low cloud. Very good across southern ranges in the morning.

**Forecast for Saturday 02 Jan 2021**

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
<b>1100</b>	21/24 NW	24/28 N	23/27 N	24/29 N	23/28 N	22/27 N	24/30 N
<b>900</b>	11/14 NW	15/19 N	14/19 N	14/20 N	14/20 N	13/19 N	15/21 N
<b>600</b>	7/14 NW	7/14 NW	7/14 NW	8/15 N	8/16 N	7/14 NW	7/16 NW
<b>300</b>	7/16 NW	8/21 N	11/22 N	9/20 N	7/18 NW	7/19 NW	9/22 N
<b>Glen</b>	6/15 NW	6/17 NW	9/20 NW	8/18 NW	7/18 NW	6/17 NW	8/20 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
<b>1100</b>	-6/-14	-6/-15	-6/-15	-5/-14	-5/-14	-5/-14	-6/-14
<b>900</b>	-4/-10	-4/-11	-4/-10	-3/-10	-3/-10	-3/-10	-4/-10
<b>600</b>	-2/-6	-2/-6	-2/-6	-2/-6	-2/-6	-1/-5	-2/-6
<b>300</b>	0/-3	0/-4	1/-4	1/-3	1/-3	0/-3	0/-4
<b>Glen</b>	1/-2	1/-2	2/-2	2/-1	1/-2	1/-2	1/-2
<b>Freezing Level*</b>	300m	200m	300m	400m	300m	300m	300m

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

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**

Deep snow drifts will make progress time consuming and energy sapping away from scoured exposed slopes.

**Forecast for Sunday 03 Jan 2021**

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy with snow showers, heavy in the morning across eastern hills. Showers turning to rain below 400-500m from late morning.

**Maximum wind:** Northerly 20-25mph gusting 30 mph, veering Easterly or Northeasterly by evening and easing 15-20 mph.

**Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m:** 10% in the east, cloud mostly persistent above 700m, often lowering to 500m. 30% in the west with occasional cloud breaks likely.

**Visibility:** Very poor at height with persistent whiteout conditions in low cloud. Virtually nil in heavy snow showers.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Minus 3 Celsius increasing plus 3 Celsius during the afternoon

**At 800m:** Minus 2-4 Celsius

**Freezing level:** 200m rising 600m