

## 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 Friday 01 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 02 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 01 Jan 2021 at 02:47 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** Generally high, but moderate for southern extent of showers on Friday and Saturday, and for wind strength over the weekend.

**Headline for Friday 01 Jan 2021:** Snow showers in the north, dry and sunny in the south. Cold.

### Mountain weather hazards on Friday 01 Jan 2021

**Blizzards**

Low Likelihood

**Gales**

No Likelihood

**Thunderstorms**

No Likelihood

**Heavy Snow**

No Likelihood

**Severe chill effect**

Medium 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 showers (night)	Light snow showers	Sunny intervals	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
40%	40%	30%	30%	40%	10%

### Forecast for Friday 01 Jan 2021

**Weather:** Clear spells then dry and sunny across the Perthshire hills. Cloudier further north with occasional snow showers. These become confined to the northern Aberdeenshire hills by midday to leave a dry sunny afternoon then clear evening across all ranges.

**Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m:** 80% south of Lochnagar and Glenshee, with a few patches near the summits. 40% to the north, with frequent cloud at munro level, occasionally lowering to 600m in passing showers. Improving to 70% through the afternoon as cloud lifts and breaks up.

**Visibility:** Excellent in the south. Poor at times in the north in low cloud and showers, but mostly very good in the afternoon.

## Forecast for Friday 01 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>	31/36 N	32/38 N	22/27 N	25/31 N	23/28 N	20/26 N	15/21 N
<b>900</b>	19/24 N	21/27 N	15/20 N	16/21 N	14/20 N	10/16 N	9/14 N
<b>600</b>	8/17 N	12/22 N	9/17 NW	10/18 NW	9/17 NW	6/14 NW	6/12 NW
<b>300</b>	9/24 N	9/21 N	10/21 N	10/22 NW	9/20 NW	7/18 NW	6/16 NW
<b>Glen</b>	6/20 NW	8/20 N	9/20 NW	9/20 NW	7/17 NW	6/16 NW	5/14 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
<b>1100</b>	-4/-14	-4/-13	-5/-13	-5/-14	-5/-14	-6/-14	-6/-14
<b>900</b>	-2/-9	-2/-10	-3/-9	-3/-10	-4/-10	-4/-9	-4/-10
<b>600</b>	-0/-4	-0/-6	-1/-5	-1/-6	-2/-6	-2/-6	-3/-6
<b>300</b>	2/-2	2/-2	2/-2	1/-3	1/-3	0/-4	-1/-4
<b>Glen</b>	2/-0	2/-1	3/-0	2/-1	2/-2	1/-2	0/-2
<b>Freezing Level*</b>	500m	500m	500m	400m	400m	300m	200m

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

## Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Deep snow drifts on higher ground will make progress very arduous and time consuming.

## Forecast for Saturday 02 Jan 2021

**Weather:** Most likely dry throughout, a chance of a few light snow flurries across the northern Aberdeenshire hills in the morning. Sunny then clear spells, best across southern ranges.

**Maximum wind:** North or northwest 15-20 gusting 25 mph. Veering North-northwest and increasing to 25-30 mph in the evening.

**Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m:** 80-90% across Angus and Perthshire hills, little or no cloud expected. 50-60% across Aberdeenshire with broken cloud near the summits, occasionally lowering to 700m, best chance of lengthy cloud breaks south of Deeside.

**Visibility:** Excellent outside of any low cloud.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Minus 1 Celsius.  
**At 800m:** Minus 4 Celsius.  
**Freezing level:** 200-300m.