

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 02 Jan 2022 until 23:59 on Monday 03 Jan 2022

Forecast Issued on Sunday 02 Jan 2022 at 02:15 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for transition to colder showery north to northwest flow Monday, also for this declining early Wednesday, but lowering for timing of the return to a milder, southwest, occasionally unsettled regime thereafter.

Headline for Sunday 02 Jan 2022: Showers, mainly focused in the southwest, wintry across higher tops. Severe summit gales.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 02 Jan 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High 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
					
Sleet showers (night)	Sleet showers	Sleet showers	Sleet showers	Sleet showers (night)	Sleet showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
10%	30%	20%	70%	40%	70%

Forecast for Sunday 02 Jan 2022

Weather: Scattered showers overnight and through the day, largely focused across western and southern areas such as Monadhliath and Ben Alder, while the northeast will be mostly dry with the best of the clear and brighter spells. Showers tending to build from the west late evening. Snow level around 900-1000m.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: By day ranging from 60% in west and near 90% in east.

Visibility: Good to very good, briefly becoming moderate or poor in showers, very poor in snow and hill fog with bases lowering 450-600m as showers push through.

Forecast for Sunday 02 Jan 2022

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
1300	47/61 SW	41/56 SW	43/58 SW	43/59 SW	43/59 SW	40/56 SW	40/57 SW
900	51/61 SW	39/50 SW	42/55 SW	43/56 SW	41/54 SW	38/51 SW	37/51 SW
600	35/46 SW	27/39 SW	29/42 SW	30/44 SW	29/42 SW	28/41 SW	27/41 SW
300	17/38 SW	14/33 SW	16/36 SW	17/38 SW	16/35 SW	16/35 SW	16/34 SW
Glen	6/30 SW	5/25 SW	6/27 SW	7/28 SW	6/26 SW	6/27 SW	6/26 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-1/-12	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-11	-2/-11	-2/-12
900	3/-6	2/-5	3/-5	2/-6	2/-6	1/-7	1/-7
600	5/-2	4/-1	5/-1	5/-2	4/-2	4/-3	3/-3
300	6/1	6/2	7/3	7/2	6/2	6/1	5/0
Glen	5/2	5/2	7/4	7/4	6/3	6/3	6/2
Freezing Level*	1100m	1100m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1100m	1100m

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

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Winds gusting 60-65mph at times across most exposed ridges and summits. Despite mild temperatures a significant wind chill is expected at height.

Forecast for Monday 03 Jan 2022

Weather: Showery band of rain and snow across the area overnight, clearing to the south towards dawn, with snow level lowering to around 600m on the retreating edge. This will allow a showery northwest flow to become established, with snow descending to all levels from mid-day. Outbreaks isolated initially, building becoming late in the day occasional in the northwestern ranges, isolated in the south and east

Maximum wind: Northwest 20 gusts 35mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m:

By day for any given time starting 95% plus, becoming 80% later.

Visibility: Good or very good out with the showers, becoming moderate to very poor in showers, also only a few metres in hill fog, with bases lowering 450-600m as showers push through.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 Celsius increasing 6 Celsius for a time around late morning
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius decreasing Minus 4 from mid-day
Freezing level: 900 lowering 250m from mid-day