

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 03 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 04 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 03 Feb 2021 at 04:11 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold and windy conditions. Medium for snow amounts.

Headline for Wednesday 03 Feb 2021: Occasional snow showers. Severe gales, wind chill and blowing snow.

Mountain weather hazards on **Wednesday 03 Feb 2021**

Blizzards

Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

Medium Likelihood

Gales

High Likelihood

Severe chill effect

High Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium 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
					
Cloudy	Cloudy	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability					
30%	30%	50%	50%	40%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 03 Feb 2021

Weather: Occasional bright or clear spells and a scattering of snow showers. The best of the brightness over Skye and around the west coast. However, gales or severe gales over the summits with severe wind chill and blowing snow.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50 to 70%.

Visibility: Patches or extensive cloud cover near or above the summits. Often very poor at height in snow showers and blowing snow. Very good on more sheltered low slopes between showers.

Forecast for Wednesday 03 Feb 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	
1000	61/71 E	58/70 E	52/65 E	49/62 E	48/60 E	46/58 E	43/55 E	
900	57/68 E	55/66 E	49/62 E	46/59 E	45/57 E	44/56 E	41/53 E	
600	42/53 E	41/54 E	38/51 E	35/48 E	33/46 E	31/44 E	28/42 E	
300	15/50 E	14/48 E	14/45 E	14/44 E	13/41 E	13/40 E	12/38 E	
Glen	29/54 E	30/55 E	26/49 E	24/45 E	23/44 E	22/42 E	20/40 E	

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-6/-20	-7/-20	-6/-19	-6/-19	-7/-19	-7/-19	-7/-19
900	-6/-18	-6/-18	-6/-18	-6/-17	-6/-18	-6/-18	-6/-18
600	-3/-13	-3/-14	-3/-13	-3/-13	-3/-13	-4/-13	-4/-13
300	-1/-6	-1/-7	-0/-6	-0/-6	-1/-7	-2/-8	-2/-8
Glen	2/-6	2/-6	2/-4	2/-4	1/-5	1/-6	1/-6
Freezing Level*	100m	00m	100m	100m	00m	00m	00m

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

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Significant winter hazards at height due severe gales, wind chill and blowing snow.

Forecast for Thursday 04 Feb 2021

Weather: Occasional bright or clear spells and snow showers. Severe wind chill, blowing snow and temporary blizzard conditions at height.

Maximum wind: East or Northeast 30 to 40 gusting 60mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%. The best chance over Skye and around the west coast.

Visibility: Very good, but poor or very poor in snow showers and blowing snow. Occasional or extensive cloud cover around the summits, lowering in showers

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 3 to Plus 1 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 5 Celsius.
Freezing level: All levels.