

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 10 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 11 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 09 Feb 2021 at 11:23 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for remaining cold, mainly dry and bright for the coming days. Confidence lowering on the timing and extent of longer periods of snow Saturday, also the progress of milder weather from Sunday.

Headline for Wednesday 10 Feb 2021: Bitterly cold, but mainly dry and sunny.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 10 Feb 2021

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

No 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

Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Clear night	Clear night	Clear night	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
20%	10%	10%	<05%	<05%	00%	00%	00%

Forecast for Wednesday 10 Feb 2021

Weather: Very cold, particularly at height with perhaps a few scattered snow showers appearing overnight and early to mid-morning, mainly confined to ranges north of the A835. However most will stay dry with plenty of weak winter sunshine around.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% at first in north and east, otherwise 90% plus.

Visibility: Generally very good but poor or very poor in snow showers, also in drifting and where snow bases lower 500-700m in and around showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	18/24 E	14/19 E	15/20 E	18/23 E	19/24 E	16/21 E	14/18 E	12/16 E	12/17 E
900	18/24 E	15/20 E	15/19 E	17/22 E	17/23 E	14/19 E	13/17 E	11/16 E	11/17 E
600	11/17 E	10/16 E	10/15 E	11/16 E	10/16 E	8/13 E	8/11 E	8/12 E	9/14 E
300	6/18 E	7/16 E	5/15 E	5/17 E	3/16 E	3/14 E	3/12 E	5/12 E	6/13 E
Glen	10/19 E	8/16 NE	8/14 E	8/17 E	8/16 E	8/16 E	7/13 E	8/13 E	8/13 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-9/-18	-10/-18	-10/-19	-11/-20	-8/-17	-8/-16	-10/-18	-11/-18	-11/-19
900	-8/-17	-9/-17	-10/-18	-10/-19	-8/-16	-7/-14	-10/-17	-10/-17	-11/-18
600	-6/-12	-7/-13	-8/-14	-8/-15	-5/-11	-5/-10	-8/-13	-8/-14	-9/-15
300	-5/-9	-5/-10	-6/-10	-6/-9	-3/-6	-2/-5	-5/-7	-6/-9	-6/-10
Glen	-2/-8	-2/-7	-3/-7	-3/-7	-0/-4	1/-3	-2/-5	-2/-6	-2/-6
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m

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

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Severe wind chill and drifting difficulties anticipated despite the not particularly brisk winds.

Forecast for Thursday 11 Feb 2021

Weather: Very cold again, but most ranges dry with further prolonged sunshine. However a scattering of snow showers edging into the north and east during the evening.

Maximum wind: Easterly increasing from mid-day, 20-25mph by early evening with gusts reaching 40mph across most exposed ridges and summits.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 95% plus, becoming 60% later in north and east.

Visibility: Generally excellent or very good but poor or very poor in later snow showers, also in drifting and where snow bases lower over hills in and around showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 13 Celsius peaking at plus 1 Celsius during afternoon
At 800m: Minus 8-10 Celsius
Freezing level: All levels