

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 06 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 07 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 05 Feb 2021 at 17:01 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low confidence for extent of snow across the north on Saturday. Otherwise high for cold weather for the next few days with the driest conditions in the west.

Headline for Saturday 06 Feb 2021: Mostly cloudy, some snow across the north.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 06 Feb 2021

Blizzards

Low Likelihood

Gales

Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy Snow

Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect

High Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

High 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
							
Light snow	Dull	Cloudy	Cloudy				
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%

Forecast for Saturday 06 Feb 2021

Weather: Extensive low cloud expected throughout the day, with snow at times across ranges north of Inverness to Torridon. South of this it will be mostly dry, some brighter skies across Skye and the west coast.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%. Some breaks likely across Skye and the west coast

Visibility: Poor in widespread low cloud down to 500 to 700 metres and in any falling snow or drifting snow. Very good outside of cloud in the far west of the area.

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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	51/60 E	44/55 E	43/53 E	43/54 E	42/53 E	38/48 E	39/50 E	39/50 E	41/55 E
900	50/60 E	43/53 E	41/51 E	41/52 E	40/51 E	36/46 E	37/48 E	37/48 E	41/55 E
600	36/49 E	31/44 E	30/43 E	31/44 E	31/43 E	26/38 E	27/39 E	26/39 E	27/44 E
300	16/43 E	13/37 E	11/35 E	13/37 E	13/37 E	12/34 E	12/34 E	12/34 E	14/37 E
Glen	30/49 E	27/44 E	25/42 E	23/40 E	21/38 E	21/36 E	20/35 E	20/35 E	21/37 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	-6/-19	-6/-18	-6/-17	-6/-17	-6/-17	-6/-17	-7/-18	-8/-19	-8/-20
900	-6/-18	-6/-17	-5/-16	-5/-16	-5/-16	-5/-15	-6/-17	-7/-18	-7/-19
600	-3/-13	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12	-2/-11	-3/-11	-4/-12	-4/-13	-5/-14
300	-1/-7	-1/-7	-1/-6	-1/-6	-0/-6	-0/-6	-1/-7	-2/-7	-3/-9
Glen	1/-6	1/-6	2/-5	2/-4	3/-3	3/-3	2/-4	1/-6	0/-6
Freezing Level*	100m	100m	100m	100m	200m	200m	100m	00m	00m

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

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Fresh snowfall will be drifting around. Icy surfaces possible in the north.

Forecast for Sunday 07 Feb 2021

Weather: A few snow showers across Caithness and more northern parts of Easter Ross and Sutherland, otherwise dry with plenty of sunshine.

Maximum wind: Gusting 30 to 40 mph on the higher summits. Severe wind chill.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90%

Visibility: Generally very good with great air clarity. Visibility briefly dropping poor in any snow, and down to 550 metres in any snow showers that pass by.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 4 rising to zero Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 4 Celsius
Freezing level: 200 metres or less