

North Grampian

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

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 10 Feb 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 11 Feb 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 09 Feb 2022 at 14:15 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for detail on Thursday, high on Friday. High for unsettled and somewhat less cold weather over the weekend

Headline for Thursday 10 Feb 2022: Bitterly cold and very windy with snow at times, drier later

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 10 Feb 2022

Blizzards
Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Low 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							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Partly cloudy (night)	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
70%	50%	30%	40%	60%	40%	20%	00%

Forecast for Thursday 10 Feb 2022

Weather: Scattered snow showers in the hours of darkness, these becoming mainly confined to western ranges later in the night. Clouding over through Thursday morning with outbreaks of snow spreading from the west, this then clearing away mid-afternoon onwards with western ranges first to clear. The evening will be dry with clear periods and a frost.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%, best chance later in the day

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in low cloud down to 700 metres for most of the day, some breaks possible to the northeast of Aviemore at first. Cloud breaking from the west as snow dies out, but may not clear the Cairngorms until late afternoon.

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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
1300	39/53 SW	42/57 SW	48/66 SW	47/65 SW	36/50 NW	32/45 NW	25/34 NW	20/27 NW	16/20 W
900	36/47 SW	38/50 SW	46/60 SW	46/61 SW	29/42 NW	26/37 NW	19/25 NW	14/19 W	12/17 SW
600	24/34 SW	26/37 SW	31/45 SW	32/47 SW	20/32 NW	17/27 NW	10/17 NW	9/14 W	9/14 SW
300	13/28 SW	15/33 SW	19/40 SW	20/44 SW	15/32 NW	12/25 NW	6/16 NW	4/10 SW	5/13 SW
Glen	5/24 SW	5/25 SW	8/32 SW	8/32 SW	8/30 NW	7/24 NW	4/17 NW	4/13 W	4/12 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-8/-20	-8/-20	-6/-19	-6/-17	-6/-16	-7/-18	-8/-18	-10/-20	-11/-20
900	-5/-15	-4/-15	-4/-14	-2/-13	-3/-12	-4/-12	-5/-13	-7/-14	-8/-14
600	-2/-10	-2/-10	-1/-10	-0/-8	-1/-8	-1/-8	-3/-8	-4/-9	-5/-10
300	-1/-6	-1/-6	0/-6	2/-5	1/-4	1/-4	-1/-5	-3/-6	-3/-6
Glen	-0/-4	-1/-4	1/-4	2/-3	2/-4	2/-3	-0/-4	-2/-5	-3/-6
Freezing Level*	100m	100m	300m	400m	400m	300m	100m	00m	00m

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

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Hazardous winter conditions are expected on Thursday, with summit storms and snow leading a risk of blizzard like conditions at times until mid-afternoon. Some uncertainty in the strengths of the peak winds, these ease for a time in the morning but will increase again in the afternoon for a while. Freezing level may rise to 800 metres in the morning for a brief time too, but lowering in the afternoon.

Forecast for Friday 11 Feb 2022

Weather: A ridge of high pressure will give a mainly dry day, a few snow showers possible across the west. Cloud will thicken from the west through the day leading to rather flat light conditions. Snow will spread from the west towards midnight.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 30 mph on the tops with severe wind chill. Increasing to 50 to 60 mph after dark on the tops

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%

Low cloud and visibility: Some patchy cloud down to 700 metres, this occasionally more extensive around Ben Alder and down towards Rannoch Moor

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 10 rising to plus 3 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 200 metres rising to 600 metres by late afternoon