

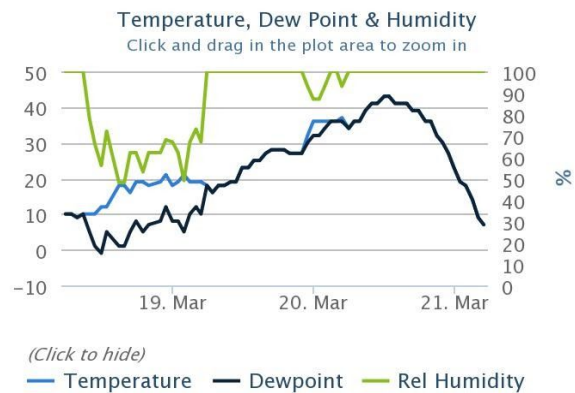
### The Bottom Line

The snowpack in our forecast area became wet at all elevations yesterday, followed by a refreeze with falling temperatures overnight creating a sliding fall hazard. Good mountain boots, crampons, an ice axe and the skills to use them are required tools for traveling on open snow slopes and steep terrain today. Ice climbers should be wary of ice dams holding back pressurized meltwater until the snowpack fully drains and refreezes.

Wind and low temperatures added to the icy conditions today will make any travel above treeline challenging, and will add an unwelcome element of danger turning small problems into big problems. Reduce your risk by being prepared, careful and conservative. Avalanche danger is **LOW**.

### Mountain Weather

**Yesterday**, the summit of Mt Washington began the day in the high 30s F and reached a high temperature of 43F around noon before decreasing, dropping below 0F around 9pm. Hermit Lake reached 53F. Light rain showers during the morning and afternoon resulted in 0.31" of water, and just 0.2" of snow. Wind danced around the W cardinal point in the afternoon and evening at 75 – 90mph with a gust of 145mph recorded from the W.



3/21 5am. Chart image from [NWS KMWN Hourly Records](#)

**Today**, we begin the day with the summit at 7F and NW wind 65-85mph. Temperatures will continue to drop to around 0F as NW wind drops to 45-60mph. Cloudy skies will become partly sunny and we may see a trace to 1" of snow from snow showers this morning.

**Tomorrow**, temperatures will begin below zero and slowly rise to around 5F under clear skies. NW wind 30-45mph will decrease to 10-25mph. Looking ahead, temperatures will remain cold with the next chance for snow on Monday afternoon.

### Forecast Discussion

After yesterday's warm up, followed by the drop in temperatures we don't have an avalanche problem of concern, and may not until the next round of snow early in the week. Easily the greatest hazard today will be long sliding falls, which are prevented by using the proper equipment and moving very carefully, and deliberately. Preventing a stumble or fall from happening is the best way to avoid a dangerous long sliding fall.

**Unrelated to the forecast, the AMC has fully closed the Joe Dodge Lodge and Visitor Center for public use. This includes all restrooms and the basement pack room. Please plan accordingly.**

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**Please Remember:** Safe travel in avalanche terrain requires training and experience. This forecast is just one of many decision making tools. You control your own risk by choosing where, when, and how you travel. Understand that the avalanche danger may change when actual weather differs from the weather forecast. For more information contact the Forest Service Snow Rangers, the AMC at the Pinkham Notch Visitor Center, or the caretakers at Hermit Lake Shelters or at the Harvard Cabin.