

## Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart  
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 02 Nov 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 03 Nov 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 02 Nov 2023 at 04:05 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** High for a changeable, cold, windy spell of weather developing later Thursday, continuing on Friday.  
High confidence for a drier weekend and for lighter winds Saturday, picking up again on Sunday.  
Lower confidence on shower details.

**Headline for Thursday 02 Nov 2023:** Dry, bright morning. Rain mainly east of area in afternoon. Strengthening winds.  
Feeling bitterly cold.

### Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 02 Nov 2023

**Blizzards**

No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent snow**

No Likelihood

**Storm force winds**

No Likelihood

**Gales**

No 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
					
Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
10%	10%	20%	40%	50%	70%

### Forecast for Thursday 02 Nov 2023

**Weather:** Dry Thursday morning with clear then sunny spells. Cloudier afternoon and evening with rain extending to eastern areas such as Caithness hills and around Ben Wyvis. Staying dry, brighter over hills close to West Coast.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 70% reducing 40% in east during afternoon.

**Low cloud and visibility:** Good visibility although misty in some of the glens at first. Occasional cloud cover above about 600 to 700m. Visibility becoming poor in east of area during afternoon as rain edges in with more extensive cloud cover.

**Forecast for Thursday 02 Nov 2023**

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
<b>1000</b>	14/17 SE	19/22 E	23/28 E	24/30 NE	26/31 N	28/33 NE	28/34 NE
<b>900</b>	15/17 SE	18/21 E	23/28 E	23/28 NE	22/28 N	24/30 NE	25/31 NE
<b>600</b>	10/13 SE	12/16 E	12/18 E	13/19 NE	15/20 N	15/21 NE	17/23 N
<b>300</b>	3/9 SE	4/14 E	5/19 E	6/22 NE	4/21 N	4/23 NE	6/25 NE
<b>Glen</b>	7/9 E	12/17 E	12/21 E	10/22 NE	11/23 NE	11/24 NE	12/25 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
<b>1000</b>	1/-5	1/-5	0/-6	1/-6	2/-5	2/-5	2/-5
<b>900</b>	1/-4	1/-5	1/-5	2/-4	2/-4	3/-4	3/-4
<b>600</b>	4/-0	4/-0	4/-0	4/0	4/-0	5/0	5/-0
<b>300</b>	4/3	3/2	6/4	7/5	6/5	6/5	6/5
<b>Glen</b>	7/5	6/3	8/5	9/6	9/6	9/6	9/6
<b>Freezing Level*</b>	1100m	1000m	1000m	1300m	1400m	1400m	1400m

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

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**

Note strengthening wind and feeling bitterly cold over higher ridges and summits.

**Forecast for Friday 03 Nov 2023**

**Weather:** Mainly cloudy with further outbreaks of rain, most persistent and heavier over hills of Caithness and towards Ben Wyvis. Drier, brighter over mountains of Knoydart, Skye and Toirridon.

**Maximum wind:** Strong northeast winds, average speeds of 25 to 30mph with gusts 45mph on the tops.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 30% in northeast, 60% in southwest of area.

**Low cloud and visibility:** Good visibility in southwest of area with patchy cloud above 700m with a canopy of cloud above many of the tops. Misty conditions over north Highlands and hill towards Great Glen with poor visibility in more persistent rain. Also more extensive clouds in the north lower down the hills.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Plus 5 Celsius rising to 9 Celsius.

**At 800m:** Plus 4 Celsius.

**Freezing level:** 1400m.