

## Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart  
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 05 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 06 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 05 Jan 2023 at 03:12 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** High for the unsettled weather to continue over the next few days, medium for the detail on Thursday and Friday, becoming low over the Weekend.

**Headline for Thursday 05 Jan 2023:** Clouding over after a bright start with outbreaks of rain, which will become heavy during the afternoon. Very windy, stormy conditions later.

### Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 05 Jan 2023

**Blizzards**

Low Likelihood

**Heavy persistent snow**

No Likelihood

**Storm force winds**

Medium Likelihood

**Gales**

High Likelihood

**Severe chill effect**

High Likelihood

**Poor visibility**

Medium Likelihood

**Thunderstorms**







No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent rain**

Medium 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	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Sleet	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
10%	10%	30%	60%	70%	60%

### Forecast for Thursday 05 Jan 2023

**Weather:** A bright start to the day with some sunshine then clouding over during the morning with patchy light rain spreading from the southwest, this turning heavy and persistent for a time during the afternoon, especially across western ranges. The rain will clear to showers during the evening, these heaviest and most frequent in the west, turning wintry over the summits.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 70%, becoming 20% during the afternoon.

**Low cloud and visibility:** Patchy cloud and good visibilities at first with bases around 600-800 metres, becoming more extensive as the rain arrives with bases lowering 400-600 metres, with moderate or poor visibilities. Clouds breaking during the evening, but reforming in the showers.

**Forecast for Thursday 05 Jan 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>	19/21 S	22/25 S	30/36 SE	42/50 SE	52/65 S	55/70 SW	57/75 SW
<b>900</b>	17/20 S	20/24 S	26/31 SE	37/45 SE	49/62 S	52/67 SW	55/72 SW
<b>600</b>	11/13 S	13/17 S	16/21 SE	23/32 SE	32/47 S	35/51 SW	38/56 SW
<b>300</b>	1/11 SW	1/11 S	2/15 E	4/29 SE	13/47 S	14/50 SW	17/55 SW
<b>Glen</b>	1/4 NW	6/9 SE	10/22 SE	16/36 SE	20/42 S	23/46 SW	25/51 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
<b>1000</b>	-1/-8	0/-6	-0/-8	1/-8	0/-9	-0/-11	-1/-11
<b>900</b>	-1/-7	1/-5	1/-6	1/-7	1/-8	0/-9	0/-10
<b>600</b>	2/-3	3/-2	3/-2	3/-2	4/-3	3/-5	3/-5
<b>300</b>	0/-1	2/1	3/2	4/3	5/2	5/1	5/-0
<b>Glen</b>	2/1	6/4	6/4	8/5	8/4	8/3	8/3
<b>Freezing Level*</b>	700m	1000m	1200m	1600m	1100m	1000m	1000m

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

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**

Mainly good conditions during the morning, but deteriorating during the afternoon.

**Forecast for Friday 06 Jan 2023**

**Weather:** Frequent showers overnight, some heavy with hail and a risk of thunder and falling as snow over the summits, perhaps some clear intervals towards Ben Wyvis. The showers will become lighter and more isolated during the morning, with most ranges staying dry with some sunshine during the afternoon. Clouding over with some patchy mainly light rain and summit snow during the evening.

**Maximum wind:** West or SW 50 gust 80 mph, easing 20 gust 30 mph during the day, increasing SE 30 gust 50 mph later.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 20 % becoming 80 % during the afternoon

**Low cloud and visibility:** Broken cloud bases 400-600 metres with poor visibilities in the showers and blizzard conditions. Slowly improving during the afternoon with summits becoming largely cloud free.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Plus 2 rising to plus 7 Celsius.  
**At 800m:** Plus 1 lowering zero Celsius for a time  
**Freezing level:** 1200 m lowering 800-1000 metres for a time.