

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 03 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 04 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 02 Mar 2021 at 16:21 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for settled conditions until the weekend then more unsettled. Low for cloud amounts, and timing and quantities of rain later in the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 03 Mar 2021: Staying dry. Uncertain cloud, best chance of sunshine in Skye and Wester Ross.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 03 Mar 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low 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
							
Clear night	Clear night	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy	Dull
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	00%	20%

Forecast for Wednesday 03 Mar 2021

Weather: A dry day. Some low cloud over the northeast, especially the Sutherland and Easter Ross foothills. Best chance of sunny spells over Skye and Wester Ross. Later in the evening some light rain and hill snow may reach the Sutherland Hills with cloud becoming more extensive

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%.

Visibility: Away from cloud good, but rather hazy. Cloud amounts uncertain. Bases in northeast around 400m, lower patches, tops around 750m, so greatest chance of poor visibility on the windward side of the hills between these heights.

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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	4/5 NE	4/5 NE	5/7 N	6/8 NE	7/10 NE	9/13 E	13/19 E	17/26 E	23/32 E
900	3/4 NE	4/5 NE	5/7 N	6/8 NE	6/10 NE	9/14 E	13/19 E	20/28 E	22/32 E
600	3/4 NE	3/4 NE	4/5 NE	4/6 NE	5/8 NE	8/12 E	11/18 E	13/22 E	13/22 E
300	2/3 N	2/4 N	4/7 NE	3/6 NE	4/8 NE	7/12 NE	8/16 NE	10/19 E	9/20 E
Glen	1/2 N	1/3 N	2/4 NE	3/5 NE	3/6 NE	5/9 NE	12/18 NE	12/21 NE	10/20 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	1/-1	1/-1	-1/-4	-0/-3	-1/-4	-1/-5	-2/-8	-3/-10	-3/-11
900	1/-0	1/-1	-0/-3	-0/-3	0/-3	-0/-4	-2/-7	-2/-10	-2/-10
600	2/1	2/0	0/-2	1/-1	2/-0	3/-1	1/-3	-0/-5	-0/-6
300	1/-1	0/-2	1/-1	2/0	4/3	5/3	3/-0	2/-2	2/-2
Glen	1/-0	1/-1	2/0	2/1	6/5	8/6	5/2	4/0	4/0
Freezing Level*	800m	800m	500m	500m	600m	700m	600m	500m	500m

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

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Note the falling summit temperatures in the evening.

Forecast for Thursday 04 Mar 2021

Weather: A cloudy start with a little light rain, with snow above 500m. Then dry by mid morning with increasing sunny spells in the afternoon. A clear cold evening with frost at all levels.

Maximum wind: East or northeast 20 gusts 30mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% at first rising 80% by afternoon.

Visibility: Moderate at first with some slight haze and some reductions in light rain and snow. Then very good from mid morning in the clean cold arctic airmass away from any residual lower cloud. Cloud bases 500-800m at first then becoming broken and lifting above summits from mid morning.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 Celsius falling to Minus 2 in the evening.
At 800m: Minus 1 Celsius falling to Minus 4 during the afternoon.
Freezing level: 700m falling to 450m in afternoon and all levels in evening