

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 04 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 05 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 04 Apr 2023 at 03:40 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence until Thursday when there is some uncertainty on return of rainfall across the country. Higher confidence in drier conditions returning on Friday.

Headline for Tuesday 04 Apr 2023: Cloudy with some patchy light rain, brightest in the north and east. Strong southerly winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 04 Apr 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Low 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 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cloudy | Cloudy | Mist | Mist | Light rain | Light rain |
| Precipitation probability | | | | | |
| 30% | 30% | 40% | 40% | 60% | 70% |

Forecast for Tuesday 04 Apr 2023

Weather: High cloud across the region will give hazy sunshine at first for most but low cloud will increasingly push in from the west through the day, this affecting Skye around dawn and the west of the region during the morning and across all parts by around mid-afternoon. This will bring some patchy light rain at times but turning more persistent, and with some heavy burst, later in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% around dawn, decreasing to 40% in the west during the morning and east into the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Low cloud, bases 600-800m, gradually pushing in from the west through the day. Temporary reductions in visibility to moderate in any heavier rain, mainly later in the evening.

Forecast for Tuesday 04 Apr 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 |
| 1000 | 37/43 S | 33/40 S | 35/43 S | 35/44 S | 37/46 S | 37/46 S | 37/46 S |
| 900 | 34/40 S | 29/36 S | 31/40 S | 33/41 S | 33/42 S | 33/42 S | 33/42 S |
| 600 | 23/29 S | 21/28 S | 24/32 S | 26/34 S | 24/33 S | 23/32 S | 22/31 S |
| 300 | 1/21 S | 2/20 S | 6/27 S | 6/28 S | 5/30 S | 5/29 S | 6/28 S |
| Glen | 5/15 SE | 9/20 S | 13/27 S | 12/25 S | 16/34 S | 15/32 S | 15/32 S |

| Height (m) | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| 1000 | -0/-9 | 0/-7 | 2/-6 | 2/-5 | 2/-6 | 2/-5 | 3/-5 |
| 900 | 0/-8 | 1/-6 | 2/-5 | 3/-4 | 3/-4 | 3/-4 | 3/-4 |
| 600 | 3/-3 | 4/-2 | 5/-1 | 5/-0 | 5/-0 | 5/-0 | 5/0 |
| 300 | 5/4 | 6/5 | 7/5 | 8/6 | 7/6 | 7/5 | 7/5 |
| Glen | 8/6 | 8/6 | 9/6 | 10/7 | 10/6 | 9/6 | 9/6 |
| Freezing Level* | 1400m | 1500m | 1700m | 1600m | 1800m | 2100m | 2200m |

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

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Feeling cold at height in the strong winds.

Forecast for Wednesday 05 Apr 2023

Weather: Low cloud lingering across the region during the morning with outbreaks of rain, heavy at times. This mostly clearing into the afternoon, although some patchy cloud may linger at first, but becoming dry.

Maximum wind: Southerly 20-25 mph, gusting 35 mph, easing into the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% during the morning, increasing to 80% into the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Low cloud, base 600-800m, in association with the rain, with moderate visibility in heavy outbreaks. Good into the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 rising to plus 12 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 2 rising to plus 4 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above summits.