

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 09 Mar 2024 until 23:59 on Sunday 10 Mar 2024

Forecast Issued on Saturday 09 Mar 2024 at 02:34 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for variable amounts of cloud and sunny spells until late Tuesday. Low confidence for longer spell of rain or summit snow Tuesday or Wednesday.

Headline for Saturday 09 Mar 2024: Mostly dry with sunny spells. Feeling very cold in strong easterly winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 09 Mar 2024

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
No 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	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	10%	20%

Forecast for Saturday 09 Mar 2024

Weather: Dry with best of the sunny spells over Skye, Torridon and Knoydart. Variable amounts of cloud further east, particularly eastern Caithness. Increasingly cloudy through this evening with outbreaks of light rain or summit snow. Very cold in strong easterly winds.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% falling to 50%, the best chances in the west.

Low cloud and visibility: Patchy low cloud with extensive breaks in the morning and excellent visibilities. Cloud cover increasing in the evening and bases down to 600m.

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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	51/60 E	50/59 E	39/51 E	34/44 E	35/45 E	38/49 E	35/46 E
900	50/59 E	47/56 E	38/50 E	33/43 E	33/43 E	37/47 E	33/44 E
600	39/49 E	35/45 E	31/43 E	26/35 E	22/32 E	25/36 E	23/35 E
300	11/40 E	9/39 E	12/39 E	11/35 E	10/33 E	11/36 E	11/31 E
Glen	28/51 E	26/47 E	16/34 E	16/32 E	14/29 E	14/29 E	18/33 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-5/-17	-4/-16	-3/-13	-3/-12	-3/-13	-3/-13	-3/-13
900	-4/-16	-4/-14	-2/-11	-2/-11	-2/-12	-2/-12	-2/-12
600	-2/-11	-1/-10	1/-7	1/-6	0/-7	0/-7	-0/-7
300	1/-4	2/-2	4/0	4/0	3/-1	2/-2	2/-2
Glen	3/-4	4/-2	7/3	7/3	6/2	5/1	5/-0
Freezing Level*	200m	400m	500m	600m	500m	500m	500m

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

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Strong winds will give a bitterly cold feel. Gusts over 50-60mph on the highest summits will give difficult and tiring walking conditions. Early cloud breaks and sunshine in the west may require suitable eyewear.

Forecast for Sunday 10 Mar 2024

Weather: A cloudier day for all with outbreaks of rain or summit snow above 600m. Feeling very cold as a strong easterly wind persists.

Maximum wind: Mean speeds 25-35mph, gusts 45-50mph on the highest summits.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%, the best chances in the west coast and Skye in the morning.

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive low cloud down to 500-600m for much of the region, but with a few breaks possible over western coasts, Skye and Torridon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 to Plus 5 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 to plus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 500-700m