

Northwest Highlands

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

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 02 Nov 2021 at 10:42 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold and showery conditions through Wednesday and then for milder weather towards the end of the week. The main uncertainty relates to the severity of conditions on Saturday.

Headline for Wednesday 03 Nov 2021: Wintry showers and fleeting spells of sunshine. Bitterly cold in the strong winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 03 Nov 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy 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							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Heavy snow	Light snow	Heavy snow	Light snow showers	Light snow	Light snow showers	Light snow	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
60%	50%	60%	50%	50%	50%	40%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 03 Nov 2021

Weather: A distinctly wintry feel to the hills on Wednesday as cold northerly winds drive showers southwards across all ranges, although there will be some good shelter across Easter Ross and towards the Great Glen. The snow line will be around 700m, so there is a good chance of getting wet on ascent and descent, exacerbating the cold feel. Fleeting bright or sunny spells inbetween these showers. Showers becoming fewer into the evening with some clear spells.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30%.

Visibility: Very variable as showers pass through with visibility in the hundreds of metres range in snow and a few kilometers on lower slopes during rain. Cloud cover will be often descend to around 500-600m, lifting between showers.

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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	21/26 N	23/28 N	25/31 N	26/33 N	24/32 N	24/32 N	24/32 N	23/30 N	21/28 N
900	19/24 N	21/27 N	24/30 N	24/32 N	23/30 N	23/31 N	23/31 N	22/29 N	21/28 N
600	13/18 N	14/20 N	17/24 N	17/26 N	16/24 N	15/23 N	13/21 N	14/21 N	13/21 N
300	5/19 N	5/21 N	8/25 N	7/25 N	8/25 N	7/25 N	6/23 N	5/21 N	6/22 NW
Glen	9/20 N	8/20 N	11/24 N	11/25 N	12/25 N	12/25 N	9/21 N	10/22 N	8/20 N

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	-0/-7	-0/-7	-1/-8	-1/-9	-1/-9	-1/-9	-2/-10	-2/-9	-2/-9
900	1/-6	0/-6	-0/-7	-0/-8	-0/-8	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-8	-2/-8
600	3/-2	2/-2	2/-3	2/-4	2/-3	2/-4	1/-4	1/-4	1/-4
300	5/3	5/3	4/1	4/2	4/1	4/1	3/1	3/1	3/0
Glen	8/5	7/5	7/4	7/4	7/4	7/3	6/4	6/3	6/3
Freezing Level*	1000m	900m	900m	800m	700m	700m	700m	700m	600m

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

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Be prepared for winter-like conditions. Mean wind speeds at 300m more likely to be 15-20mph.

Forecast for Thursday 04 Nov 2021

Weather: Lingering wintry showers will fade through the early hours leaving clearer spells and lighter winds and then a cold, bright and frosty start. Northerly winds will become westerlies, bringing thicker cloud and less cold conditions through afternoon and eventually patchy rain (or sleet above munro level) by evening.

Maximum wind: North 20-25mph gusting 35mph, gradually backing westerly through the day.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% falling 20% from mid afternoon.

Visibility: No issues through morning with very little low level cloud, perhaps the odd mist or fog patch in the glens. Cloud will thicken and lower through afternoon, eventually becoming extensive above 400-600m by evening, perhaps lower along the west coast. Drizzly conditions will turn lower slopes increasingly hazy.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 or 3 Celsius, but locally freezing in some sheltered glens, rising to 5 Celsius by midday and then 8 Celsius through evening.

At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius rising plus 2 Celsius through late afternoon.

Freezing level: 600-800m through the bulk of the day, rising above summits from late afternoon.