

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 07 Jul 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 08 Jul 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 06 Jul 2021 at 15:47 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Medium for a lot of dry weather then increasing chance of showers at the weekend. Lower regarding cloud detail.

Headline for Wednesday 07 Jul 2021: Cloudy with occasional rain then brightening up during the afternoon. Mostly light winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 07 Jul 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
Medium 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
							
Cloudy	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Dull	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Light rain showers
Precipitation probability							
20%	50%	50%	40%	20%	10%	10%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 07 Jul 2021

Weather: Mostly dry start to the night but cloud and rain in the far north will extend south to most areas. This leads to a mostly dull morning with hill fog and some outbreaks of mainly light rain. Soon becoming drier over Skye and Glen Shiel with some sunshine the drier brighter conditions slowly extending northeast to Wester Ross in the afternoon and Ben Wyvis in the evening. Only a brief window of bright weather for the far northwest though with low cloud and some drizzle pushing in from the Atlantic in the evening and extending to all but Easter Ross by midnight.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% at first increasing 50% in the afternoon and 80% by evening, before falling to 30% later.

Visibility: Away from cloud, moderate or good, briefly poor in drizzly rain. Very poor where cloud descends on to hills, cloud bases 300-600m in the north in the morning lifting 800-1000m and breaking during the afternoon, though later in the far north, Then low cloud less than 300m pushing in to west coast ranges by dusk with 300-600m cloud extending further east later in the evening.

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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	13/16 NW	17/21 NW	16/20 NW	16/22 NW	13/19 NW	12/18 NW	10/16 NW	11/15 NW	9/13 W
900	12/14 NW	15/18 NW	15/19 NW	16/21 NW	13/19 NW	12/18 NW	10/16 NW	10/14 NW	9/13 W
600	7/10 NW	10/14 NW	11/16 NW	13/18 NW	11/17 NW	10/16 NW	9/14 NW	6/11 NW	6/10 W
300	2/12 NW	4/15 NW	6/17 NW	9/20 NW	8/19 NW	7/16 NW	7/14 NW	5/12 NW	3/10 W
Glen	2/4 NE	5/12 N	5/10 NW	7/14 NW	8/14 NW	8/13 NW	6/11 NW	4/8 NW	3/6 W

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	8/5	7/3	7/3	8/4	8/4	8/5	8/5	7/4	7/4
900	9/6	8/4	8/4	8/5	8/5	9/6	9/6	8/5	8/5
600	10/9	9/7	10/7	10/8	11/8	12/10	11/10	10/9	10/8
300	12/12	11/11	11/10	12/10	13/12	14/13	14/13	12/11	11/11
Glen	13/13	13/13	14/13	14/13	16/15	17/16	16/16	14/14	13/13
Freezing Level*	2300m	2400m	2500m	2400m	2500m	2400m	2500m	2600m	2700m

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

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Nothing additional

Forecast for Thursday 08 Jul 2021

Weather: Low cloud will bring some hill fog and the odd patch of drizzle. The cloud will slowly lift and even break in places through the afternoon with a few sunny intervals especially in shelter.

Maximum wind: Westerly 5-10mph gusts up to 15mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%, rising to 50% in afternoon.

Visibility: Mainly good below cloud, but very poor where cloud covers on to the tops, this cloud around 300-600m in the morning at first but generally 800-900m by afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 12 Celsius rising to Plus 19
At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius rising to Plus 11
Freezing level: Above summits.