

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Monday 09 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Tuesday 10 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Sunday 08 Oct 2023 at 15:01 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a drier, brighter day on Monday with lighter winds, then a change to colder, windy, showery conditions on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Headline for Monday 09 Oct 2023: Mostly dry and becoming brighter. Winds strengthening during evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Monday 09 Oct 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low 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
							
Light rain	Light rain	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	20%	20%	10%	10%	40%	40%

Forecast for Monday 09 Oct 2023

Weather: Cloudy overnight and at first on Monday with still the odd patch of light rain. Much of the day will be dry with clouds breaking to give some bright or sunny spells. Thickening cloud will bring light rain into western ranges such as Knoydart, Skye and Torridon later in the day.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% improving 70% by afternoon, reducing 40% during evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Misty at first with extensive fog above about 400 to 500m. This will lift up the hills and breaking up later in the morning with mostly good visibility beneath the cloud. There will be a canopy of higher level cloud above many of the summits. Visibility will become poor later in the day over hills near to West Coast.

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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	12/15 NW	12/15 W	12/15 W	11/15 W	16/22 SW	17/24 SW	19/26 S	28/37 S	32/44 SW
900	11/14 NW	10/14 W	11/14 W	9/13 W	14/21 SW	15/22 SW	17/24 S	25/35 S	30/42 SW
600	7/11 NW	8/12 W	8/11 W	7/11 SW	12/18 SW	12/18 SW	13/19 S	16/26 SW	21/33 SW
300	2/11 NW	2/10 W	1/10 W	2/9 SW	4/15 SW	3/15 SW	2/16 S	5/22 SW	10/31 SW
Glen	5/9 W	3/7 W	3/8 W	4/7 SW	6/12 SW	7/13 SW	5/14 S	9/23 SW	13/28 SW

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	7/4	6/3	5/2	5/1	5/1	6/1	7/3	8/4	8/3
900	8/5	7/4	6/3	5/2	6/2	6/2	7/4	9/5	9/4
600	9/8	8/6	8/6	8/5	8/5	8/6	9/6	10/7	10/7
300	10/10	10/9	9/9	10/9	11/10	11/10	10/10	12/11	12/10
Glen	12/12	12/12	12/11	12/12	13/12	13/12	13/12	14/13	14/12
Freezing Level*	2400m	2300m	2100m	2200m	2200m	2400m	3000m	2900m	2600m

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

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A lot of mist and low cloud at first, then a window of fine walking conditions, before they become difficult from Tuesday onwards.

Forecast for Tuesday 10 Oct 2023

Weather: Cloudy with light rain at first, most near to West Coast, becoming more persistent during the morning. The rain will become heavier, crossing all ranges early in afternoon. Drier, clearer weather will follow later in afternoon.

Maximum wind: Strong southwest winds, average speeds 20 to 30mph with gusts 45mph on the tops. Winds becoming westerly during afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40%, best in east of area.

Low cloud and visibility: Often misty in west of area with poor visibility as rain becomes heavier. Also extensive cloud cover above about 600 to 700m with patches forming lower down. Visibility will be mostly good in east towards Ben Wyvis at first and again later in the day with clouds above some of the tops.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7 Celsius rising to 13 Celsius.

At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius.

Freezing level: Above the summits.