

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 01 May 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 02 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 01 May 2021 at 03:53 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the generally bright but cold showery conditions, the only real doubt being whether any more persistent rain, hill snow and stronger winds affect the south of the area on Monday

Headline for Saturday 01 May 2021: A mainly dry start then scattered showers breaking out, falling as snow on the higher hills and mountains. Light winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 01 May 2021

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds







No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight

Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Hail showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
10%	20%	30%	40%	30%	20%

Forecast for Saturday 01 May 2021

Weather: Variable cloud overnight, a lot of dry weather but still a few showers near the coast. A mainly dry start inland with the odd coastal shower, then from late morning scattered showers breaking out inland. The odd heavy one in the afternoon with snow above 700m with sleet or hail lower down. Best of sunshine then developing on west coast hills, with these clearer conditions edging inland through the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80%

Visibility: Generally very good clarity to the airmass with any deteriorations to moderate or poor in showers temporary. Cloud bases mostly 900m or above.

Forecast for Saturday 01 May 2021

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	4/5 NE	6/9 NE	7/10 NE	9/14 N	9/13 N	5/8 N	4/5 E
900	4/5 NE	6/10 NE	6/10 NE	9/14 N	9/14 N	5/8 N	4/5 E
600	4/5 NE	6/9 NE	5/9 NE	8/13 N	9/13 N	5/8 N	3/4 NE
300	3/5 E	4/8 NE	4/9 NE	6/13 N	9/14 N	5/8 N	2/4 NE
Glen	3/5 NE	4/8 N	7/11 NW	5/11 NW	10/16 N	8/12 N	3/5 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-2/-5	-2/-5	-1/-4	-0/-5	-1/-5	-2/-5	-2/-5
900	-2/-4	-1/-4	0/-3	0/-4	0/-4	-2/-4	-2/-4
600	1/-1	2/-1	3/1	3/-0	3/-1	1/-2	0/-1
300	3/2	5/3	5/4	6/4	6/3	3/1	2/0
Glen	6/5	7/5	8/7	9/8	8/6	6/3	4/3
Freezing Level*	700m	600m	600m	700m	700m	600m	600m

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

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Nothing extra

Forecast for Sunday 02 May 2021

Weather: A sunny start then cloud building up inland. Most staying dry with only isolated light showers expected though these still of snow on the higher slopes.

Maximum wind: Westerly 10mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90%

Visibility: Generally very good, but occasionally moderate in showers, poor on summits with the odd patch of cloud lowering to 750m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 at dawn peaking at 9 Celsius in the afternoon but falling a few degrees in any showers.
At 800m: Minus 1 rising to Plus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: 800m.