

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 05 Jan 2024 until 23:59 on Saturday 06 Jan 2024

Forecast Issued on Friday 05 Jan 2024 at 03:40 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High

Headline for Friday 05 Jan 2024: Early wintry showers then drier and brighter with a strong summit wind.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 05 Jan 2024

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility

Low 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
					
Heavy snow	Sleet	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
50%	50%	30%	20%	20%	20%

Forecast for Friday 05 Jan 2024

Weather: Wintry showers ease during the morning, becoming isolated as bright or sunny spells increase during the day.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% increasing 60% in the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Broken cloud at 500-800m becomes patchy at times through the afternoon. The visibility will be good most of the time, falling poor in any showers.

Forecast for Friday 05 Jan 2024

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	24/28 W	24/29 W	23/29 W	24/30 W	23/30 W	20/26 W	21/26 W
900	23/27 W	23/28 W	22/28 W	23/28 W	23/30 W	19/25 W	20/25 W
600	13/18 W	14/19 W	13/19 W	13/19 W	12/20 W	11/17 W	11/17 W
300	5/21 W	5/21 NW	5/20 W	5/21 W	5/20 W	4/17 W	4/17 W
Glen	5/14 W	7/16 NW	6/14 W	6/16 W	6/15 W	4/11 NW	5/11 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-9	-2/-9	-2/-9	-2/-9	-2/-9
900	0/-7	-0/-7	-0/-7	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-8
600	2/-2	2/-3	2/-3	2/-3	2/-3	1/-3	1/-3
300	4/2	4/2	4/2	3/2	3/1	3/1	3/1
Glen	7/5	6/4	7/5	7/5	6/4	6/4	5/4
Freezing Level*	900m	900m	800m	800m	700m	800m	800m

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

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Feeling cold in strong summit winds.

Forecast for Saturday 06 Jan 2024

Weather: Widespread early morning wintry showers over Sutherland and Caithness soon clear east to leave the day dry a bright with sunny spells.

Maximum wind: West north-west 30-35mph gust 45mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%, but 30% at first in north.

Low cloud and visibility: Scattered or broken cloud 800-1000m through much of the day with the visibility very good, falling poor to very poor in wintry showers and summit cloud.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius rising to plus 5 Celsius

At 800m: Zero Celsius

Freezing level: 500 to 800m, but much lower early and later in the day.