

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 09 May 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 10 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Sunday 09 May 2021 at 03:06 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for quite an unsettled outlook with showery conditions for the first few days but some dry and bright conditions outwith showers and feeling warmer than of late.

Headline for Sunday 09 May 2021: Cloudy with a few brighter spells but widespread showers developing.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 09 May 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low 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
					
Mist	Mist	Heavy rain showers	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
10%	10%	40%	70%	70%	60%

Forecast for Sunday 09 May 2021

Weather: Quite cloudy at first with some lingering patchy drizzle and light rain. During the morning conditions will gradually brighten up with cloud lifting and becoming more scattered. Some sunny spells will develop especially over more north and eastern ranges around the Assynt and Glen Affric. Showers will also develop by late morning especially around more westerly ranges like the Cuillins and Torridon, some these will become more prolonged and heavy with a small chance of thunder. Becoming mainly dry with a lot of cloud clearing on Sunday evening and feeling much warmer.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%. Some low cloud will shroud the tops in the morning otherwise tops will mainly for a while but many becoming shrouded again in the afternoon.

Visibility: Initially some scattered low cloud will shroud some ranges down to 600m however this will become quite isolated, mainly confined to western ranges. Generally cloud will mainly be above the tops but patches will fall to 600m in any showers that pass and perhaps 500m temporarily in heavier showers in the west. General visibility will be good, perhaps dipping to moderate or poor in any heavier showers.

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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	18/22 SE	21/25 SE	18/23 S	19/25 SE	21/27 SE	21/27 E	23/29 SE
900	19/23 SE	17/21 SE	17/22 S	18/24 SE	20/26 SE	20/25 E	21/26 SE
600	15/20 SE	15/19 SE	14/20 S	13/19 SE	15/21 SE	15/21 E	14/20 SE
300	5/14 E	2/12 E	5/17 S	4/17 SE	5/21 SE	3/18 E	3/19 E
Glen	11/16 E	8/13 E	7/15 S	8/16 SE	9/19 E	10/20 E	11/20 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	2/-4	2/-4	4/-1	4/-1	4/-1	3/-2	3/-3
900	2/-4	2/-3	4/0	5/0	5/0	4/-1	3/-2
600	5/0	5/1	7/3	7/4	7/3	6/3	6/2
300	5/3	6/6	10/9	10/9	9/8	8/7	7/6
Glen	8/5	10/8	12/11	12/11	12/10	11/9	10/8
Freezing Level*	1400m	1400m	1400m	1500m	1600m	1600m	1500m

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

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Freezing level rising above all summits. Prolonged rain possible in the afternoon under the larger, heavier showers in the west.

Forecast for Monday 10 May 2021

Weather: Mainly dry overnight but staying cloudy with a few mist or fog patches. Some bright or sunny spells in the morning but showers soon developing. The showers may become heavy with the risk of thunder at times in the afternoon especially for western ranges.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 10-15mph with gusts 20-25mph, perhaps stronger gusts in heavy showers.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80%, cloud bases mainly above the tops but perhaps slightly lower for a time early in the morning and in any heavy showers.

Visibility: Generally good visibility but cloud may fall below the tops at times first thing in the morning and may dip to 600m temporarily in any heavy afternoon showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 rising to 14 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 5 rising to 8 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.