

## Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart  
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Monday 03 May 2021 until 23:59 on Tuesday 04 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Sunday 02 May 2021 at 11:01 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** High for generally showery and seasonally cold for the coming days. Medium for details on Monday, due to the relatively nearness of a front that affects central and south Scotland.

**Headline for Monday 03 May 2021:** Rather cloudy and showery. Conditions turning increasingly difficult from south.

### Mountain weather hazards on Monday 03 May 2021

**Blizzards**

No Likelihood

**Gales**

Low Likelihood

**Thunderstorms**

No Likelihood

**Heavy Snow**

Low Likelihood

**Severe chill effect**

Medium Likelihood

**Heavy persistent rain**

No Likelihood

**Storm force winds**









No Likelihood

**Poor visibility**

Low Likelihood

**Strong sunlight**

Low 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
							
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability							
00%	<05%	10%	10%	30%	60%	60%	60%

### Forecast for Monday 03 May 2021

**Weather:** Largely dry with clear spells overnight leading to a frost in many glens come dawn. Higher cloud soon feeding from the south Monday morning, bringing showers from mid-morning, snow level around 500m, these more isolated to north of the A835, but potentially merging to longer periods of snow and rain across southern ranges for the afternoon and evening.

**Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m:** 90% at first, lowering from mid-day to 20% in south and 60% in north.

**Visibility:** Initially good or very good, lowering moderate to poor in rain, very poor in snow and hill fog, with bases becoming broken to extensive from 500-800m as conditions deteriorate from the south later.

**Forecast for Monday 03 May 2021**

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
<b>1000</b>	8/10 SE	10/12 SE	16/20 SE	21/27 E	27/36 E	33/45 E	36/47 E	33/44 NE	28/37 NE
<b>900</b>	8/10 SE	10/12 SE	15/19 SE	21/27 E	26/35 E	32/43 E	34/46 E	31/41 NE	26/35 NE
<b>600</b>	6/8 SE	7/10 SE	11/15 SE	16/22 E	21/30 E	25/36 E	25/37 E	22/33 NE	19/28 NE
<b>300</b>	3/7 SE	4/8 E	5/12 E	9/20 E	11/28 E	13/33 E	13/34 NE	11/30 NE	10/25 NE
<b>Glen</b>	5/7 E	6/9 E	9/13 E	12/20 E	15/27 E	18/33 E	18/34 NE	15/30 NE	14/26 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
<b>1000</b>	-2/-6	-2/-7	-2/-9	-2/-10	-1/-9	-2/-11	-2/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12
<b>900</b>	-1/-5	-1/-6	-2/-8	-1/-8	-0/-8	-1/-9	-2/-10	-2/-11	-2/-10
<b>600</b>	1/-2	1/-2	1/-4	2/-4	3/-3	2/-5	1/-6	0/-6	0/-6
<b>300</b>	3/1	2/0	2/0	5/2	6/2	4/0	4/-1	3/-1	2/-1
<b>Glen</b>	5/4	5/3	5/2	8/5	9/5	8/3	6/2	6/1	5/1
<b>Freezing Level*</b>	700m	600m	600m	600m	700m	700m	700m	600m	600m

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

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**

Conditions becoming increasingly hazardous in southern and then central ranges from mid-day with increasing wind chill at height in the summit gales, this coupled with hill fog in snow and rain.

**Forecast for Tuesday 04 May 2021**

**Weather:** A seasonally cold day of showers, these most frequent through the morning and early afternoon. Brighter spells improving to sunny spells for the late afternoon as showers thin out so what. Snow level around 500m lowering 300m by late evening.

**Maximum wind:** North mean 15-20 mph with gusts reaching 30 mph across most exposed ridges and summits.

**Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m:** 40% becoming 80% later.

**Visibility:** Good or very good, lowering moderate to poor in rain showers, very poor in snow and hill fog, as bases lower 500-800m.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Zero Celsius increasing 9 Celsius for the afternoon  
**At 800m:** Minus 3 Celsius lowering minus 5 Celsius later  
**Freezing level:** 600m lowering 400m later