

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 05 Aug 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 06 Aug 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 05 Aug 2021 at 03:11 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high out to Saturday, but with uncertainty in intensity and location of heavy showers. Lower confidence in details from Sunday, but expected to be an improving picture.

Headline for Thursday 05 Aug 2021: Rain in the west. Drier in the east and far north, but showers later. Breezy.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 05 Aug 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

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Light rain	Cloudy	Cloudy	Heavy rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability					
60%	30%	30%	40%	40%	30%

Forecast for Thursday 05 Aug 2021

Weather: Occasionally heavy rain spreads north in the early hours. Turning dry soon after dawn across eastern ranges, but showers in the west, most frequent south of Torridon. Scattered showers more widespread in the afternoon, some sunny spells in the far north, but a risk of thunder here too. A few showers continuing into the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% in the south, 80% in the north.

Visibility: Generally good outside of heavy showers or any low cloud. Patchy cloud mainly above 600m across Skye and southern ranges early morning, but soon lifting above the tops. Further patchy cloud lowering to 600-700m in the evening, mainly across southern ranges again.

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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	23/27 SE	24/28 SE	22/28 SE	21/27 SE	24/30 E	26/33 E	28/37 E
900	20/24 SE	21/26 SE	20/26 SE	19/24 SE	22/28 E	25/31 E	27/35 E
600	15/18 SE	16/20 SE	15/21 SE	13/18 SE	15/21 E	17/25 E	19/28 E
300	0/11 E	2/16 SE	5/20 SE	3/17 SE	3/19 E	6/23 E	7/26 E
Glen	7/15 E	9/18 SE	9/18 SE	6/15 E	10/20 E	13/24 E	13/26 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	8/3	8/4	10/6	10/6	9/5	9/4	8/4
900	9/5	9/5	10/7	10/7	10/6	9/6	9/5
600	11/8	11/8	13/10	13/11	12/10	12/9	11/8
300	12/12	14/14	16/15	16/15	14/14	14/13	13/12
Glen	15/14	16/15	18/17	18/17	17/15	16/14	16/13
Freezing Level*	2500m	2500m	2400m	2500m	2500m	2600m	2600m

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

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Moderate UV levels in the morning, and early afternoon across northern ranges, despite rather cloudy conditions.

Forecast for Friday 06 Aug 2021

Weather: Low cloud and patchy rain through the early hours across eastern ranges, largely dry with clear spells near the west coast. Scattered heavy showers by day with a risk of thunder. The showers heaviest and most frequent in the east, less frequent with good sunny spells near the west coast. Showers mostly dying out in the evening, some clear spells in the west.

Maximum wind: East 25-30 gusting 35-40 mph, but gusts of 45 mph possible near heavy thunderstorms. Winds easing to 20 gusting 30 mph in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20-30% in the east, 70% in the west.

Visibility: Poor in low cloud or passing heavy showers, but otherwise good. Cloud fairly extensive with bases 500m across Caithness and Easter Ross in the east in the morning, becoming more broken in the afternoon. Only occasional patchy cloud in the west, mainly above 600m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 13 Celsius rising to 20 Celsius

At 800m: Plus 9 rising to 12 Celsius.

Freezing level: Above the summits.