

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 08 May 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 09 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 07 May 2021 at 11:29 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a wet and windy spell through Saturday and for a return to showery conditions from Sunday.
The main uncertainty relates to the frequency and intensity of showers.

Headline for Saturday 08 May 2021: Cold, increasingly windy with heavy rain and snow.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 08 May 2021

Blizzards
Medium Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood









Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
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
							
Clear night	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Light snow showers	Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	<05%	30%	50%	70%	70%	40%

Forecast for Saturday 08 May 2021

Weather: Clear skies through the early hours will give way to early sunshine, this turning hazy through morning as a band of rain (snow above 600m initially, rising to 800m) pushes northwards reaching Skye and the Great Glen by early afternoon, clearing all but Easter Ross and the far north by evening. Blizzard conditions expected above munro level with heavy rain affecting lower slopes, predominantly of Easter Ross.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% falling almost zero through early afternoon.

Visibility: Some areas of cloud above 600m expected across the north and east through morning, otherwise no issues until cloud sets in more widely by early afternoon, this falling to 300-400m in east, 600-800m in west. Whiteout conditions likely on highest slopes during snow and widely hazy on lower ground in rain, especially in east.

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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
1000	8/11 E	14/20 E	20/27 E	24/34 E	29/41 E	33/46 E	31/41 E	21/28 E	13/17 SE
900	8/11 E	15/20 E	20/27 E	24/34 E	29/40 E	32/44 E	30/41 E	22/29 E	12/17 SE
600	6/9 E	11/17 E	15/24 E	19/29 E	23/35 E	25/37 E	23/34 E	17/26 E	10/15 SE
300	5/10 E	6/15 E	7/20 E	11/28 E	12/33 E	11/36 E	11/31 E	9/21 E	5/11 E
Glen	7/10 E	11/16 E	13/22 E	15/28 E	17/32 E	17/34 E	17/31 E	14/23 E	8/12 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-3/-8	-3/-10	-3/-11	-2/-9	-0/-8	-1/-10	-1/-9	-1/-7	0/-4
900	-2/-7	-3/-9	-3/-10	-1/-8	1/-7	-0/-8	-0/-8	0/-6	1/-4
600	-0/-3	-0/-5	0/-6	2/-4	3/-3	2/-4	2/-4	2/-3	3/-0
300	1/-1	0/-3	2/-2	5/1	6/3	5/1	4/0	4/0	3/1
Glen	4/2	3/-0	4/0	8/4	9/6	8/4	7/3	7/3	6/4
Freezing Level*	500m	400m	400m	600m	800m	800m	800m	1300m	1300m

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

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Best conditions expected early morning. Be aware of fast deteriorating conditions from the south. Wind speeds likely 10mph higher across parts of Torridon and Assynt.

Forecast for Sunday 09 May 2021

Weather: Changeable conditions through the day as scattered showers develop widely but there will also be some sunshine, especially through morning. Afternoon showers are likely to be on the heavy side with a risk of thunder.

Maximum wind: Southeast 15-25mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%.

Visibility: Areas of cloud across Skye and Glen Affric will be rather persistent above 700m through morning, lifting and breaking by afternoon. Some patches of cloud will accompany showers down to around 500m.

Temperature: **Glens:** 3-5C rising 10-12C.
At 800m: 1C rising 5C.
Freezing level: 1300m rising well above all summits.