

## Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart  
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 03 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 04 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 03 Oct 2023 at 03:43 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** High for general themes but lower for timing of improvements over the weekend.

**Headline for Tuesday 03 Oct 2023:** Mostly cloudy with heavy showers in morning, brighter in afternoon but still some showers. Small chance of lightning. Strong westerly winds.

### Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 03 Oct 2023

**Blizzards**  
No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent snow**  
No Likelihood

**Storm force winds**  
No Likelihood

**Gales**  
Low Likelihood

**Severe chill effect**  
Medium Likelihood

**Poor visibility**  
Medium 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
					
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Light rain showers (night)	Light rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
70%	50%	60%	70%	40%	40%

### Forecast for Tuesday 03 Oct 2023

**Weather:** A cloudy start to the day with frequent showers, some heavy with the small chance of lightning, and perhaps just cold enough for some sleet on the very highest summits. The showers becoming less frequent by afternoon with a few sunny intervals in between but still the odd heavy one.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 40% in morning rising 70% in afternoon.

**Low cloud and visibility:** Broken to overcast cloud in the morning with bases 600-900m and the odd lower patch, then bases rising somewhat in the afternoon with more in the way of breaks, though still occasionally down to 800-1000m, bringing poor summit visibility at times. Away from cloud, visibility varying from good in between showers to poor in the heavier showers.

**Forecast for Tuesday 03 Oct 2023**

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
<b>1000</b>	34/39 W	36/42 W	34/43 W	37/47 W	30/38 W	28/36 W	30/39 SW
<b>900</b>	32/38 W	34/41 W	32/41 W	36/45 W	30/37 W	27/35 W	29/37 SW
<b>600</b>	22/27 W	24/30 W	24/33 W	26/35 W	20/28 W	19/27 SW	20/30 SW
<b>300</b>	6/29 W	8/32 W	10/34 W	10/35 W	6/26 W	5/24 W	8/28 SW
<b>Glen</b>	11/23 W	13/25 W	17/30 W	18/32 W	11/23 W	9/20 SW	11/24 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
<b>1000</b>	4/-3	4/-3	4/-4	4/-4	3/-3	4/-3	4/-2
<b>900</b>	5/-2	5/-2	4/-2	5/-2	4/-2	4/-1	5/-1
<b>600</b>	7/2	7/2	7/2	7/2	7/2	7/2	7/3
<b>300</b>	9/8	9/8	10/8	10/8	9/8	9/8	9/7
<b>Glen</b>	11/9	12/9	13/10	13/10	12/10	11/10	12/10
<b>Freezing Level*</b>	1500m	1600m	1500m	1500m	1500m	1600m	1600m

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

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**

Strong to gale force summit winds combined with low temperatures and heavy showers will make it feel very cold.

**Forecast for Wednesday 04 Oct 2023**

**Weather:** Cloudy with frequent heavy showers, but longer spells of heavy rain developing over more southern ranges. Becoming somewhat drier in the afternoon with perhaps some brightness, but still some heavy showers.

**Maximum wind:** Southwesterly 40 gusts 55mph, easing 30 gusts 40 in the evening.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 30% improving 60% in afternoon

**Low cloud and visibility:** Extensive cloud bases 600-800m with some lower patches to 500m, more broken in the afternoon. Visibility poor in heavy showers.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Plus 9 Celsius rising to Plus 12 Celsius

**At 800m:** Plus 6 Celsius

**Freezing level:** Above the summits though only a few degrees above freezing on the highest tops.