

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 08 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 09 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 08 Mar 2023 at 02:56 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for fine conditions at first but lower confidence for winds Thursday and chance of snowfall Friday morning.

Headline for Wednesday 08 Mar 2023: Mainly dry, sunny but cold on Wednesday.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 08 Mar 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms







No 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
					
Sunny intervals	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Clear night
Precipitation probability					
<05%	10%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Wednesday 08 Mar 2023

Weather: A few snow showers in the far north, mainly towards Ben Hope, through the day with associated low cloud but otherwise largely clear skies with prolonged sunshine. Cold but still pleasant with light winds.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% but 40% in far north.

Low cloud and visibility: Scattered low cloud in the north, bases 400-600m, with poor visibility in snow showers. Clear skies elsewhere and very good visibility.

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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	17/20 E	15/18 E	9/12 NE	9/12 N	8/11 NE	6/8 NE	8/10 NE
900	17/20 E	15/18 E	9/12 NE	8/12 N	8/11 NE	6/8 NE	7/9 NE
600	12/14 NE	10/13 E	7/10 NE	7/11 N	5/9 N	4/6 NE	3/5 NE
300	6/17 NE	5/15 NE	4/11 NE	4/11 N	6/10 N	4/8 NE	4/8 NE
Glen	9/14 NE	7/14 NE	4/9 NE	6/12 NE	9/13 NE	6/9 NE	5/8 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-8/-17	-8/-16	-7/-13	-7/-13	-8/-13	-8/-13	-8/-13
900	-8/-16	-8/-15	-6/-12	-6/-11	-7/-12	-7/-12	-8/-12
600	-6/-12	-5/-11	-4/-8	-3/-8	-5/-8	-5/-8	-6/-8
300	-6/-10	-4/-7	-1/-4	-0/-3	-3/-7	-5/-8	-5/-8
Glen	-3/-8	-2/-6	1/-1	2/-1	-0/-5	-1/-4	-2/-4
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m

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

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Sun glare expected from the snow. Very cold temperatures, particularly at height.

Forecast for Thursday 09 Mar 2023

Weather: A fine start to the day for most of the region with clear skies but still a few lingering snow showers in the far north. Some patchy afternoon cloud. A chance of some thicker cloud across the south of the region in the evening.

Maximum wind: Light variable winds at first, increasing to easterly 20 gust 35 mph into the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80-90%.

Low cloud and visibility: Very good or excellent. A little patchy low cloud possible early morning.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 3 rising to plus 3 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 8 rising to minus 5 Celsius.
Freezing level: 0-200m.