

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 09 Sep 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 10 Sep 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 09 Sep 2023 at 03:25 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for details on Saturday and for transition to colder weather early next week. Lower confidence on details for Sunday and into Monday.

Headline for Saturday 09 Sep 2023: Cloudy with patchy rain in west. Drier, brighter in east with isolated showers. Quite windy on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 09 Sep 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No 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
					
Fog	Fog	Mist	Mist	Fog	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
20%	20%	30%	30%	20%	40%

Forecast for Saturday 09 Sep 2023

Weather: Early mist and low cloud in the east soon dispersing, then mainly dry with some sunshine. Cloudier over hills near to West Coast with patchy rain developing, especially over the mountains of Knoydart, Skye and Torridon. A few showers may develop in afternoon and evening over hills towards Great Glen and towards Ben Wyvis with small risk of thunderstorms.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% in east of area but only 30% in west.

Low cloud and visibility: Generally good visibility away from West Coast with occasional cloud cover above about 700m with main canopy of cloud above many of the summits. Clouds will be more extensive above 600m in west of area with misty conditions and poor visibility in more persistent rain.

Forecast for Saturday 09 Sep 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
1000	34/39 SW	36/43 SW	31/39 SW	30/38 SW	31/38 SW	26/33 SW	16/20 W
900	32/38 SW	34/40 SW	30/38 SW	29/37 SW	29/36 SW	25/32 SW	14/19 W
600	22/27 SW	25/31 SW	24/32 SW	22/30 SW	21/28 SW	18/24 SW	11/15 W
300	3/23 SW	6/28 SW	8/29 SW	8/28 SW	8/26 SW	6/22 SW	3/16 SW
Glen	8/20 S	12/22 SW	14/25 SW	13/22 SW	8/17 SW	6/15 SW	3/8 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	11/6	11/6	11/7	10/6	9/4	9/5	10/6
900	12/7	12/7	12/7	11/7	10/6	10/6	10/7
600	14/10	14/10	14/10	13/10	12/9	12/9	12/10
300	15/16	15/15	16/15	16/15	15/14	14/13	13/13
Glen	17/16	17/16	18/16	18/16	17/16	16/16	14/14
Freezing Level*	3300m	3100m	3000m	3000m	3100m	3100m	3200m

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

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Southwest winds will be strong over higher ridges and summits.

Forecast for Sunday 10 Sep 2023

Weather: Mostly cloudy with outbreaks of rain, mostly light and patchy in the morning, becoming more persistent and heavier in the afternoon and evening.

Maximum wind: Fresh southwest winds, average speeds of 15 to 20mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40%

Low cloud and visibility: Rather misty conditions near to West Coast but mostly good visibility in east of area. Extensive cloud cover above about 700 to 800m, lower down the hills in the west.

Temperature: **Glens:** 12 Celsius rising to 21 Celsius.
At 800m: 15 Celsius.
Freezing level: Well above the tops.