

Northwest Highlands

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

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 04 May 2021 at 16:43 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold and showery weather for the next few days. Low for detail over the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 05 May 2021: Very cold with wintry showers, longer periods of snow developing in the evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 05 May 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium 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
							
Light snow showers (night)	Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Hail showers	Hail showers	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	20%	20%	40%	40%	40%	40%

Forecast for Wednesday 05 May 2021

Weather: Some clear or sunny periods and scattered snow or hail showers throughout the day. Longer periods of snow spreading from the north in the evening.

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

Visibility: Cloud lowering on to the highest summits in heavier showers in the afternoon, otherwise very good visibility with good air clarity. Quickly dropping poor in snow or hail. Becoming poor in persistent snow and low cloud down to 500 metres in the evening

Forecast for Wednesday 05 May 2021

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	25/31 N	24/29 N	22/28 NW	20/27 NW	19/27 NW	20/28 NW	22/31 NW	26/34 NW	24/32 NW
900	24/29 N	22/28 N	21/26 NW	19/26 NW	19/27 NW	19/27 NW	22/30 NW	25/33 NW	23/31 NW
600	16/22 N	16/21 N	14/20 NW	14/21 N	15/23 NW	14/22 NW	17/25 NW	16/24 NW	16/25 NW
300	7/23 N	7/22 N	7/20 NW	6/21 N	9/23 NW	9/23 NW	10/25 NW	8/25 NW	9/26 NW
Glen	8/21 N	7/17 N	7/17 NW	10/20 N	11/22 NW	10/19 NW	12/22 NW	13/24 NW	12/24 NW

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	-4/-13	-5/-13	-5/-13	-4/-11	-4/-11	-3/-11	-4/-12	-4/-12	-3/-11
900	-4/-12	-4/-12	-4/-12	-3/-10	-3/-10	-2/-10	-3/-10	-3/-11	-3/-10
600	-2/-8	-2/-8	-2/-8	-0/-6	-0/-6	0/-5	-0/-6	-1/-7	-0/-6
300	1/-2	0/-4	0/-3	1/-2	3/-1	3/0	2/-2	1/-3	1/-3
Glen	3/0	2/-1	3/0	3/-1	5/2	6/4	5/2	4/0	4/0
Freezing Level*	300m	200m	200m	200m	300m	300m	400m	400m	500m

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

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Be prepared for winter conditions on the summits.

Forecast for Thursday 06 May 2021

Weather: Cloudy start with some patchy snow. Brightening up through the morning to leave the rest of the day with some bright spells and occasional snow or hail showers. Remaining very cold at height.

Maximum wind: Northerly gusts to 30 mph on the tops

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80%

Visibility: Poor in low cloud at first with bases down to 500 metres, this lifting off the summits by the end of the morning although still some patchy cloud down to 800 metres in any further snow showers. Snow reducing visibility too.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero rising to 10 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 1 rising to plus 1 Celsius
Freezing level: 400 metres at first, rising to 900 metres in the afternoon