

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 02 Aug 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 03 Aug 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 01 Aug 2023 at 15:47 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for extent of showers and low cloud on Wednesday. High for changeable weather to continue on for the rest of the week and into the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 02 Aug 2023: Mainly dry, a few light showers early and late. Brightest in the southwest.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 02 Aug 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds









No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Medium 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
							
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Light rain showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Light rain showers	Light rain showers	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
10%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	30%	40%

Forecast for Wednesday 02 Aug 2023

Weather: The morning will be mostly dry although a few light showers may develop over ranges across Easter Ross and Caithness. Still a few light showers around in the afternoon but a fair amount of dry weather too, northern Lochaber and Skye best favoured. Low cloud and showery rain will become more extensive through the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%, best chance in the southwest of the area

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibility outside of cloud and showers. Areas of cloud down to 500 to 700 metres at first in the north and east of the region, and again in the evening when it will become more widespread from the north. Otherwise cloud mostly above 900 metres.

Forecast for Wednesday 02 Aug 2023

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	23/32 E	24/33 E	24/34 E	22/30 E	18/26 NE	14/21 N	18/25 N	18/23 N	17/23 N
900	25/34 E	27/36 E	27/36 E	22/30 E	18/25 NE	14/21 N	18/25 N	17/23 N	17/22 N
600	17/28 E	18/28 E	18/29 E	17/25 E	15/22 NE	13/19 N	15/23 N	13/18 N	12/18 N
300	10/23 E	10/24 E	11/25 E	11/25 E	8/22 NE	7/19 N	10/23 N	9/21 N	7/19 N
Glen	17/29 E	18/30 E	18/31 E	13/25 E	11/21 NE	13/23 N	18/30 N	13/24 N	10/21 N

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	7/2	6/2	6/0	7/2	9/5	9/6	8/4	7/3	7/3
900	8/3	7/2	6/1	8/3	10/6	10/7	9/5	8/4	7/4
600	10/7	10/6	9/6	10/7	12/9	12/10	11/8	10/7	9/7
300	12/10	12/10	11/9	14/12	16/14	15/14	13/12	12/10	11/10
Glen	14/11	14/11	14/11	16/14	18/16	18/16	16/12	14/12	14/12
Freezing Level*	2500m	2400m	2300m	2100m	2100m	2100m	2100m	2200m	2300m

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

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Note cold temperatures at height

Forecast for Thursday 03 Aug 2023

Weather: A lot of cloud through the day with a few light showers, these may turn briefly heavier later in the afternoon and evening. Best of the drier weather will be towards the Great Glen.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 25 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%, best chance in the southeast of the area

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in widespread low cloud down to 750 metres, and as low as 500 metres at first across the north of the area.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 10 rising to 15 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 10 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits