

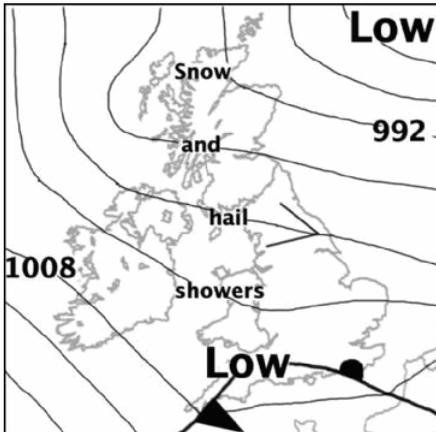
# Snowdonia National Park

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## General Summary for Thursday, 12 January, 2017



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 12 January, 2017**

Upland gales ease temporarily, although in Wales a marked lull before winds abruptly strengthen in afternoon. Widespread snow and hail showers will penetrate to valleys, although across Wales, an area of rain affecting mainly the south will turn to snow before easing.

### Headline for Snowdonia National Park

Upland winds sometimes near gale. Snow and hail, mainly morning.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 12 January, 2017

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Westerly 35 to 45mph although temporary lull morning or middle of day. The lull may be very marked mid-Wales, before the stronger winds return abruptly.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Considerable buffeting and wind chill after dawn. Temporary easing in conditions.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Frequent snow and hail. Lightning.</b> Generally snow and hail showers, sometimes in clusters, giving very frequent precipitation and whiteout over a couple of hours. Risk thunder. In morning, most likely mid-Wales, threat 1 to 3 hours of incessant snow; the snow abruptly settling on lower slopes before clearing.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive; quickly changing base</b> Cloud base quickly changing. Fragments of cloud below 400m near precipitation (widely so where precipitation sets in, but otherwise breaks to 750 to 900m.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>20% rising to 50%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Bursts of sunshine mainly well inland afternoon. Varied visibility: a haze, and appalling visibility where in snow and cloud.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-2 dropping to -4C coastal slopes or -5C elsewhere.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	600m, dropping to 400m

## Snowdonia National Park - Looking Ahead

	Friday 13 January	Saturday 14 January
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Northwest, backing toward westerly 35 to 50mph; least wind afternoon.	Northwesterly tending to drop from west from 30 to perhaps 35 to 25-30mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Difficult walking conditions and severe wind chill on higher areas. Slight easing in the conditions may occur afternoon.</b>	<b>Walking arduous on higher areas, although conditions will tend to improve.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Snow and hail showers</b> Hail and snow showers: on Snowdon range in morning the snow almost constant for periods giving sustained whiteout due to fresh and blowing snow (there will have been considerable snowfall throughout the night).	<b>Snow showers</b> Snow showers, mainly Snowdon range, although may deteriorate to give snow on and off during the afternoon at least on western mountains. Will turn to rain up to 400 to 600m, highest coastal summits.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Occasionally covering higher tops</b>  Expect cloud base to change quickly, bringing cloud below 500m near showers. Nevertheless, periods when little cloud below 1000m, particularly away from Snowdon range where cloud base may for periods never lift above 600 or 700m.	<b>May become extensive</b>  In morning, on Snowdon range, cloud frequently covering higher tops, above about 800m, whilst elsewhere, summits predominantly cloud free. In afternoon, cloud may well fill in across most mountain areas above 500 to 700m, although may not reach easternmost areas.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Sunshine intermittently, mainly away from Snowdon range. The air often very clear, but anticipate appalling visibility in snow and cloud.	Sunshine, mainly away from Snowdon range will tend to give way from west. Frequently excellent visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-5C; a little less cold on slopes nearest the coast.	-4C rising toward -2C, or -1C on summits nearest the coast.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	500m slopes closest to the coast, otherwise 350m.	250, rising to 600m, or by dusk near the coast 800m.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 13 January, 2017**

Widespread snow across the mountains through to the weekend and most terrain will be frozen, except for lower slopes in Wales.

Temperatures will tend to rise from the west over the weekend.

Substantially dry next week; summits may for periods be above freezing point, but latest evidence suggests under high pressure thaw will be slow. Highest risk of rain will be on the NW Highlands.

**Forecast issued at 12:40 on Wednesday, 11 January, 2017**

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