

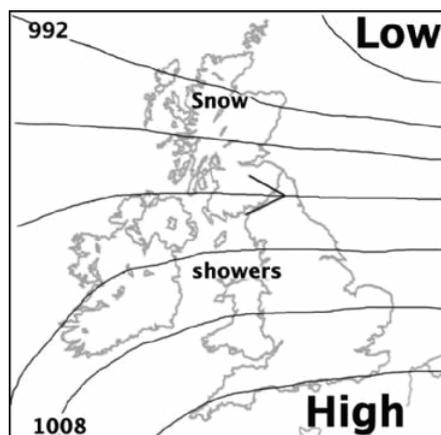
Snowdonia National Park

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General Summary for Tuesday, 21 March, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 March, 2017

Very cold showery westerly winds will by dawn have brought fresh snow to lower slopes or valleys, the precipitation heaviest western mountains. Widespread upland gales although through the day will ease. In Wales, winds less strong, but threat gales and snow by dusk.

Headline for Snowdonia National Park

Snow and hail showers. Windy.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 21 March, 2017

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly. Typically 30mph, but a lull later afternoon to 20 or 25mph. (May strengthen suddenly toward 50mph after dark.)
Effect of wind on you?	Will impede ease of walking on higher areas, mainly in morning.
How wet?	Snow and hail showers. Small risk lightning. Hail and snow showers, sometimes heavy in morning will small risk thunder. Snow will lie from lower slopes up, particularly morning. Only a few showers afternoon (but threat snow after dark).
Cloud on the hills?	Summits often cloud free; will form higher areas near precipitation Cloud base occasionally below 500m near showers, but often cloud confined to or above highest summits, particularly afternoon.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% rising to 70%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Patchwork of sunshine. Visibility frequently excellent, but suddenly very poor in cloud and snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3C but will rise slowly through day.
Freezing Level	Typically 500m rising toward 750m by late afternoon.

Snowdonia National Park - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 22 March	Thursday 23 March
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Low confidence of detail: Northeasterly or variable, ranging between 10-20 and perhaps 30-40mph. May be small, but risk of considerable buffeting and wind chill.	Low confidence in forecast: Northerly; risk 40 to perhaps 50mph Snowdon range but perhaps less than 25mph eastern summits. Threat widespread considerable buffeting Snowdon range.
How wet?	Showers; snow, hail & thunder Overnight snow should clear eastward, leaving showers of snow and hail, locally frequent in north. Rain lower slopes. Risk of thunder.	Risk areas of rain and snow There may only be hail and snow showers, concentrated afternoon. But an area of precipitation wrapped round a low centre could bring persistent snow, most likely to Snowdon range. Rain on lower slopes and up to about 750m by mid or late afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Breaks to some high tops Varied: patches locally persistent above 700-800m, or lower near showers, but breaks to some higher summits inland.	Covering most summits all day Cloud base may lift to typically 900m by midday, although dropping toward 450m near showers. But where precipitation is constant, cloud likely to persist across the hills, on the Carneddau (north of A5) from lower slopes up.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%	30%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Patches of sunshine. The air often very clear away from showers, but visibility appalling in snow & cloud.	There may be a patchwork of sunshine and frequently excellent visibility. But where in cloud and snow visibility appalling.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-2C 650m	-2C morning; will rise slowly through day. 650m, rising to 950m or above by mid-afternoon.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 22 March, 2017**

Cold conditions with snow on many mountains mid-week. A major change to dry and by the weekend much warmer weather will occur as a large area of high pressure then builds across Scotlan. Temporarily around Friday there may be a little rain on the northern NW Highlands. Overall though, dry for several days on all mountain areas. Temperatures will become very warm for March, particularly across the Scottish Highlands, although with frequently cloudless skies, night frost will occur in valleys.

Forecast issued at 13:28 on Monday, 20 March, 2017

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