

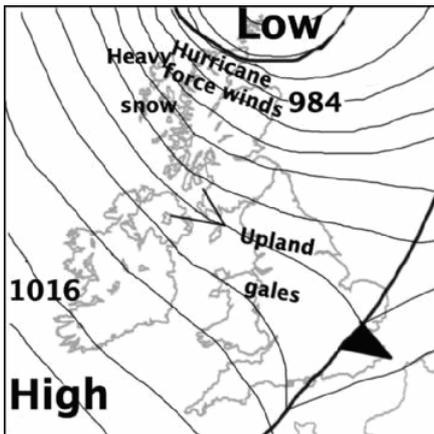
Snowdonia National Park

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General Summary for Thursday, 7 December, 2017



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 7 December, 2017

Exceptionally severe Scottish Highlands: storm or hurricane force upland winds (strongest N/E), considerable snow (centred western hills) giving sustained whiteout. Upland gales elsewhere and progressively dropping temperature will result in showers being increasingly of snow.

Headline for Snowdonia National Park
 Upland gales. Snow showers developing.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 7 December, 2017

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 40 to occasionally 50mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking often difficult across the hills, and significant wind chill.
How wet?	Snow showers, mainly afternoon. en frequent snow showers PM Overnight rain will have cleared by dawn. Hail and snow showers will then follow, mainly in afternoon, although rain lower slopes.
Cloud on the hills?	Intermittently covering higher areas. Cloud bases oscillating as showers pass, although most summits cloud free intermittently for a few hours. Into afternoon, cloud increasingly forming near showers below 650m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bursts of sunshine, most widely east Wales. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	Dropping progressively through day; down to -1C by dusk. Will feel as cold as minus 15 Celsius directly in the wind before dusk.
Freezing Level	Initially above tops, but dropping through daylight to 800m by dusk and much lower overnight.

Snowdonia National Park - Looking Ahead

	Friday 8 December	Saturday 9 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 35-50mph, sudden gusts to 60mph near precipitation.	Northwesterly 20 to 30mph. Marginal decrease in speed during daylight.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking widely difficult with significant buffeting across higher areas and severe wind chill.	Walking arduous on many higher areas, particularly near showers. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Fairly frequent snow showers Snow and hail showers throughout the day, at times frequent and giving whiteout; especially Carneddau area, where there may be considerable accumulation. Snow will lie from lower slopes up.	Snow showers Snow showers or flurries, but risk, particularly Carneddau of the snow frequent - resulting in periods of whiteout.
Cloud on the hills?	Varying rapidly in and out of showers Rapid changes in cloud base; Generally fleeting glimpses toward higher tops between showers to frequently cloud to a few hundred metres in snow; especially Carneddau where fog may be dense across the hills throughout the day.	Intermittently shrouding higher tops Continually changing cloud base: near showers, shafts of cloud from a few hundred metres up, perhaps extensively Carneddau. Between showers breaks, perhaps frequent, to higher summits.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	50%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Glimpses of sun between the snow showers. Visibility often appalling across northern hills due to snow and cloud. Elsewhere, often excellent away from showers.	Bright sunshine, most frequently mid-Wales. The air very clear - but sudden appalling visibility in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-5C	-4C
Freezing Level	Almost all terrain frozen from valleys or just above valleys up.	Almost all terrain frozen. Partial thawing lowest sunlit slopes and northwest facing coastal slopes.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 8 December, 2017**

Cold throughout the next 10 days, although across mainly Wales, incursions of warmer air will bring freeze thaw cycles to higher areas. Elsewhere, upland areas substantially frozen. Centres of low pressure will track southeast across Britain bringing bouts of sustained snowfall (although not areas will get these). Between areas of fine clear air with light winds, but locally windy with clusters of snow showers near some coasts.

Forecast issued at 7:14 on Thursday, 7 December, 2017

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