

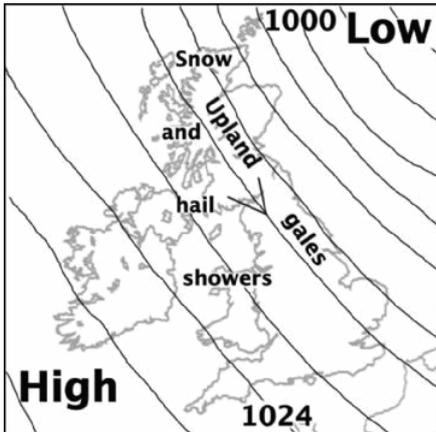
# Snowdonia National Park

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## General Summary for Friday, 8 December, 2017



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 8 December, 2017**

Widespread upland northwesterly gales will bring bitterly cold air to all mountain areas. Snow will be frequent many western mountains and in northern Scotland. Elsewhere, only a few flurries.

Nearly all terrain will be frozen, although not lower slopes in Wales.

### Headline for Snowdonia National Park

Upland gales. Snow, concentrated N Snowdon range. Terrain mostly frozen.

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 8 December, 2017

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Northwesterly 35-45mph, sudden gusts to 55mph near precipitation.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking difficult on higher areas, and near precipitation sudden gusts on lower slopes.</b> <b>Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Snow mainly N Snowdon range. Snow showers elsewhere.</b> Snowdon range: snow/hail showers. Toward Carneddau, the snow may well be heavy & almost constant for several hours. Threat thunder. Perhaps sustained whiteout. Elsewhere: Occasional snow showers; fewest mid-Wales.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Persistent N Snowdon range; very little toward mid-Wales</b> N Snowdon range: blanket fog from a 200 to 500m up most of day; Rare breaks to higher tops. Elsewhere: Varied cloud base, rarely below 650m, and often above 800 or 900m.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Less than 10% N Snowdon range, to 80% mid Wales</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Rare sun N Snowdon range to patchwork of bright sun mid Wales. Visibility often appalling N Snowdon range; mostly excellent elsewhere.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-5C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Almost all terrain frozen from valleys or just above valleys up although some thawing up to 350m coastal slopes.

## Snowdonia National Park - Looking Ahead

	<b>Saturday 9 December</b>	<b>Sunday 10 December</b>
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Northwesterly 20 to 30mph. Marginal decrease in speed during daylight.	Easterly 20 to 30mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking arduous on many higher areas, particularly near showers. Significant wind chill.</b>	<b>May impede ease of walking on higher areas.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Snow showers</b> Snow showers or flurries, but risk, particularly Carneddau of the snow frequent - resulting in periods of whiteout.	<b>Snow, may fall much of day</b> Extensive snow may well have enveloped Wales by dawn, perhaps falling as rain lower slopes (or possibly to higher slopes mid-Wales). Whiteout may be extensive.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Intermittently shrouding higher tops</b>  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.	<b>Extensive</b>  High risk of blanket fog across the mountains above a few hundred metres.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Bright sunshine, most frequently mid-Wales. The air very clear - but sudden appalling visibility in snow and cloud.	Sunshine unlikely. Excellent or superb visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-4C	-3C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Almost all terrain frozen. Partial thawing lowest sunlit slopes and northwest facing coastal slopes.	Terrain largely frozen from valleys up.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 9 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 across Britain bringing bouts of sustained upland snowfall (although not all areas will get these). Between, often fine with clear air and light winds.

**Forecast issued at 12:14 on Thursday, 7 December, 2017**

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