

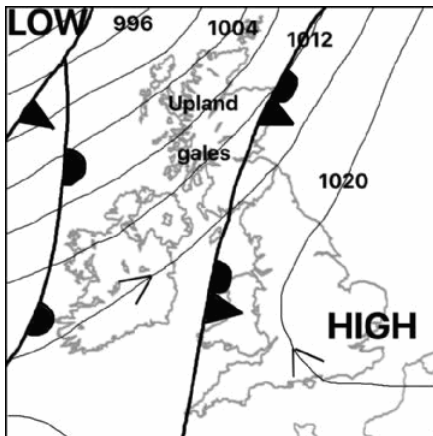
Snowdonia National Park

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General Summary for Sunday, 14 January, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 January, 2018

Upland gales soon developing across Scotland with heavy rain/upland snow arriving across the west/northwest Highlands in the afternoon. Elsewhere, a weak front will lie from eastern/southern Scotland into west Wales, bringing low cloud and patchy rain/snow. Eastern Wales and the southern Pennines, many hills clear above valley fog.

Headline for Snowdonia National Park

Extensive hill fog with patches of rain/upland snow. Clearer in the east.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 14 January, 2018

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly, 10 to 20mph, strongest afternoon Snowdon range, where may reach 25mph by dusk. Upland gales overnight.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small during daylight.
How wet?	Occasional rain Drizzly rain here and there, or sleet/snow above 850m, mainly westernmost slopes Total rainfall negligible.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, breaks in east Low confidence in detail: Fog may be extensive above 600m, and may form in some areas from lower slopes or valleys up. However, toward Berwyn mountains, and perhaps Carneddau, breaks in cloud toward higher tops (perhaps above fog in valleys).
Chance of cloud free summits?	20% in west, 50% in east.
Sunshine and air clarity?	Glimpses of sun, mostly east Wales. Very hazy or murky.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1 or 2C
Freezing Level	Close to freezing on highest summits. Higher terrain remaining frozen.

Snowdonia National Park - Looking Ahead

	Monday 15 January	Tuesday 16 January
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	At and pre-dawn southwesterly 55mph; soon veering westerly 35mph. Particularly gusty near showers afternoon. Walking arduous on higher areas, and in afternoon, increasingly sudden buffeting in gusty winds. Significant wind chill.	Westerly in the range 35-50mph. Sudden gustiness/squalls to valley level near showers. Walking will be arduous or difficult with significant buffeting and severe wind chill.
How wet?	Snow and hail showers increasingly Overnight rain, finishing as snow on higher tops, will clear east during the morning. Hail & snow showers will then follow, mainly afternoon, when of snow above 350m.	Snow and hail showers, frequent in west. Snow and hail showers, often heavy and coming in one after another giving intermittent whiteout. Risk thunder. Snow will fall and lie from lower slopes up with sleet confined to valley bottoms.
Cloud on the hills?	Intermittently shrouding higher areas Quickly varying cloud base: shafts of cloud below 500m near precipitation, more often the fog above about 800 to 1000m.	Often shrouding higher tops Rapid changes in cloud base in and out of showers. Cloud briefly down to lower slopes near showers, but often base above 700 to 900m, with occasional clearances to higher tops, especially across easternmost hills.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%	30%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine, most widely later morning, middle of day. Away from precipitation, the air soon very clear.	Patches of sun between the showers, especially across eastern hills. The air very clear, but visibility suddenly deteriorating to near zero in snow and
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	1C dropping erratically to -2C during daylight. Pre-dawn above summits. After dawn, soon 750m and by dusk 650m.	-3 to -4C 400-500m

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 15 January, 2018**

Almost constant strong cold westerly winds, frequently gale force on the mountains next week, will bring copious snowfall to western mountains, concentrated on the W & NW Highlands. The snow and often hail, will be showery in character, and accumulations will drop progressively eastwards. Temperatures only marginally above freezing point lower slopes Scotland, and frequently below freezing above about 600m England and Wales.

Winds will then veer northerly later in the week, maintaining the low freezing levels.

Forecast issued at 14:28 on Saturday, 13 January, 2018

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