

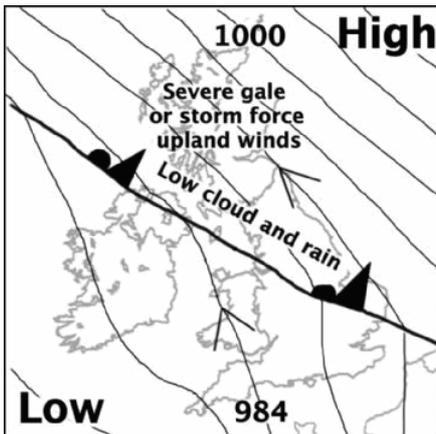
# Snowdonia National Park

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## General Summary for Thursday, 15 March, 2018



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 15 March, 2018**

Scottish Highlands: storm force winds, in places briefly reaching lower slopes; persistent low cloud and snow increasingly eastern mountains. Elsewhere: a band of rain (now higher areas) will edge north across N England/S Scotland, whilst showers and a temporary drop in wind follow.

### Headline for Snowdonia National Park

Lull in wind through most of daylight. Showers afternoon.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 15 March, 2018

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southeast backing easterly, up to 50mph northernmost summits at dawn. Soon 15mph, but from south in afternoon strengthening to 30 or 35mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Small for several hours centred morning and middle of day - expect arduous conditions post dawn far north and from south again later in day.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Little or no rain</b> After a wet night, rain will very likely clear from southwest soon after dawn lingering longest east Wales. Risk afternoon showers, particularly mid-Wales.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Very little by late morning</b> Blanket fog much of region above 400 to 700m at dawn. Will, perhaps quickly, break up to clear the summits - although the cloud may lift only slowly east Wales, where higher tops may clear only into the afternoon.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>80% by midday</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Patchwork of sunshine after cloudy start. Very hazy - widely foggy on the hills - most or all day.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	3C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.

## Snowdonia National Park - Looking Ahead

	Friday 16 March	Saturday 17 March
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southeasterly 15 perhaps before dusk 25mph; probably strengthening through the day. <b>Fairly small.</b>	Easterly 30, strengthening to 40 or locally 45mph. Sudden gusts some lower slopes. <b>Walking arduous where exposed on higher areas. Sudden considerable buffeting lower slopes west of major summits &amp; ridges. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Heavy showers afternoon; chance lightning</b> Overnight rain will clear northwards, by or soon after dawn. In afternoon, heavy showers with hail will develop, initially mid-Wales; chance thunder.	<b>A few snow flurries</b> Here and there a little light snow or flurries (rain initially after dawn).
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>May well be very little</b> Fog shrouding higher areas after dawn will clear the summits extensively from late morning. Nevertheless, in rain, cloud likely to form above 650m, possibly lower east Wales.	<b>Gradually lifting, perhaps later clearing</b> Fog probable above 600 to 800m although may lift above the summits during the afternoon. However, on westernmost summits, cloud will only rarely cap the summits.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Sunshine intermittently - though some areas may be cloudy. Mostly excellent visibility.	Intermittent sunshine western summits; only glimpses elsewhere. Visibility becoming excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b> <b>Freezing Level</b>	3C. Above the summits.	3C west Wales for perhaps a few hours after dawn; otherwise -3 or -4C. Terrain will gradually become frozen. Initially above summits west Wales; but sudden transition to 600m, probably during morning. 500m east Wales.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 16 March, 2018**

Turning progressively colder toward and through the weekend. Snow, often fairly light (though combined with previous snow will blow extensively E Scotland, giving appalling visibility) eastern mountains.

Widespread upland gales will ease, initially over the Scottish Highlands, to give a period of cold dry weather early next week. Turning warmer mid-week, initially across Scotland where rain will begin to come in from the west.

**Forecast issued at 13:07 on Wednesday, 14 March, 2018**

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