

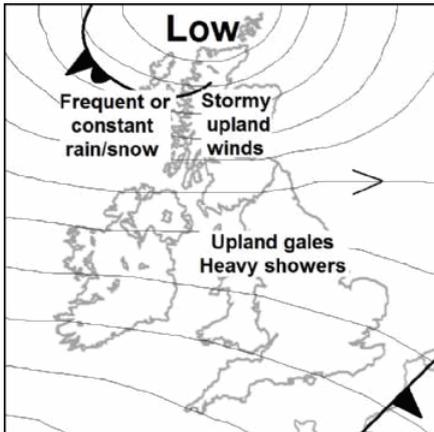
Snowdonia National Park

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General Summary for Friday, 7 December, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 7 December, 2018

A stormy day across the Scottish mountains, and severe upland gales on higher terrain of England & Wales. Sustained periods of heavy snow and whiteout across the W/NW Highlands. Elsewhere sudden heavy showers, of snow, hail or rain lower slopes. Chance of thunder.

Headline for Snowdonia National Park

Upland gales. Showery bursts; hail, snow tops.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 7 December, 2018

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly, 45 to 55mph most or all of daylight, tending to strengthen; gusts increasingly over 65mph Snowdon range.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking difficult on the hills. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow and hail showers; isolated lightning Overnight rain soon clearing away eastwards. Then snow and hail showers, sometimes frequent west Wales. Mostly rain below 600m. Risk thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Frequently shrouding higher tops Often covering the hills, cloud base varying quickly between showers. Patches below 400 or 500m near precipitation but particularly in east Wales intermittently clearing between showers.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief glimpses of sun. persistent haze, visibility very poor in snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0C (a little higher post dawn). Where exposed to the wind, will feel close to -15C.
Freezing Level	Soon 900m.

Snowdonia National Park - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 8 December	Sunday 9 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly in the range 40 to 55mph, perhaps easing slightly for an hour or so.	Northwesterly, 30 to 40mph, risk 50mph, particularly early in day.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous or often difficult on higher areas. Significant wind chill.	Buffeting and significant wind chill where exposed on higher areas. Suddenly gusty around showers.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain for a few hours Risk of local showers morning, otherwise largely or completely dry until about midday when rain will develop and become persistent for a few hours (temporarily sleet high tops).	Showers Risk clusters of showers, locally banding together to give near-constant rain for a few hours. Possible hail, perhaps snow higher tops. May fade through day.
Cloud on the hills?	Never clearing most summits Breaks of higher tops morning, mainly east Wales. In rain constant fog forming, widely above 300m west Wales and 500m east Wales.	Often covering higher tops Varied: Often covering western hills above 800m, and shafts of cloud below 600m around showers. Brief breaks to higher tops, most common mid-Wales and toward Berwyn Mountains.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A few glimpses of sun morning, mainly east Wales. Constant haze.	Brief bursts of sun breaking through. Visibility at times very good, but reduced during showers.
How Cold? (at 900m)	2C; temporarily rising to 5C afternoon.	1 to 3C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Most likely above the summits, but may briefly lower close to 1000m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 8 December, 2018**

Becoming progressively colder and drier through the weekend as winds turn northwesterly. A few areas of snow and hail showers by Sunday, focused toward the north and west, but many areas will see sunshine.

Next week, staying below freezing on the mountains for a number of days, with hard frost in valleys early in week.

Confidence becomes low by midweek, but there is an increasing risk of unsettled conditions coming back in from the Atlantic, with gales and perhaps widespread snow on the mountains.

Forecast issued at 15:17 on Thursday, 6 December, 2018

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