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Eryri / Snowdonia National Park

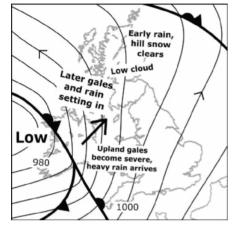
Includes all summits in the the northern half of Wales from Pumlumon northwards.





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General Summary for Friday, 5 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 5 December, 2025

South-southeasterly winds strengthen, reaching gale-force afternoon many areas, sooner Wales, here becoming severe. Some rain / hill snow NE Scotland fades, patchy rain west coasts, otherwise dry, then rain sweeps in from southwest later, snow inland mountains into evening. Best cloud breaks NW Scotland.

Headline for Eryri / Snowdonia National Park

Gales strengthen to become severe. Rain develops, heavy later.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 5 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly 30-35mph soon from dawn, rising to southeasterly 50mph middle of day, reaching 60mph afternoon with stronger gusts high tops. Turning southwesterly after dark, easing a little but still near 40mph.		
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking early deteriorates to widely challenging conditions with powerful gusts, by afternoon enough to knock you over. Significant wind chill.		
How wet?	Rain sets in widely from midday		
(Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy showery rain drifts inland from Cardigan Bay early, sleet on high tops. Rain sets in widely around the midday hours with heavy falls developing afternoon and onward into evening. Frequent showery rain into night. Streams again rising to be in spate later.		
Cloud on the hills?	Becoming extensive, better north		
	From dawn cloud likely caps the high tops with banks down towards 700m on western slopes. Soon lowering widely towards 600-700m as rain arrives, as low as 400m westernmost slopes. Clearer for longer north/eastern hills.		
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%, to 60% north, later 10% in rain.		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, high cloud lowering during morning to become increasingly dull. Visibility becomes poor as rain sets in.		
How Cold? (at 900m)	1 or 2C, rapidly rising afternoon to 4 or 5C, remaining warmer into night. Rising temperature offset by wind chill, feeling like -12C in exposure.		
Freezing Level	700-800m, rising above the summits through morning.		

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Eryri / Snowdonia National Park - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 6 December	Sunday 7 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 35 to 45mph, risk strengthening over 50mph high tops. Challenging walking conditions, frequent buffeting affecting balance on exposed tops and ridges; marked wind chill.	Very uncertain speeds: South turning southwesterly, 25 to 40mph, risk often stronger, chance becoming 50mph+ Expect blustery conditions, beware potential for arduous conditions all day, possibly widely more difficult.
How wet?	Frequent showery rain	Rain likely, risk heavy
(Precipitation and its impact)	Rain on and off most or all day, a mix of drizzle where in cloud and some steadier rain, but heavier showery bursts at times, particularly western hills, possible hail.	Risk of rain fairly persistent western hills, setting in for steady or heavy rain for a few hours at least.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive tops	Extensive
	Often covering higher slopes, bases varied in and out of rain, mostly 600 to 800m. More frequent to mid-slopes near Cardigan Bay for periods. Higher breaks more common Bala to Berwyn hills.	Shrouding the hills widely, with banks of cloud from low to mid elevations upward. Highest bases north/east of Ogwen valley.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mostly east. Visibility varied, poor in rain, intermittently good out of cloud.	Generally cloudy and misty, poor visibility likely most hills, locally better northeast.
How Cold? (at 900m)	4C. Wind chill feeling like -7 to -10C.	7C, little change with height above 600m. Feeling below freezing in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 6 December, 2025

Generally unsettled through the weekend and into next week with areas of low pressure circulating near to the British Isles. Day-to-day detail will be uncertain even in short-range as complex systems move around slowly - a series of frontal systems bringing spells of rain and some high-level snow, mixed with showers with hail mostly near western coasts. Temperatures often on the milder side compared to recently, with typically only higher tops in the Highlands intermittently just below freezing point, expect periods of thawing up to these tops. Wind speeds will also vary, often south to southwesterlies, at times reaching gale force on tops, but intermittent lulls.

Forecast issued at 15:25 on Thursday, 4 December, 2025

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