

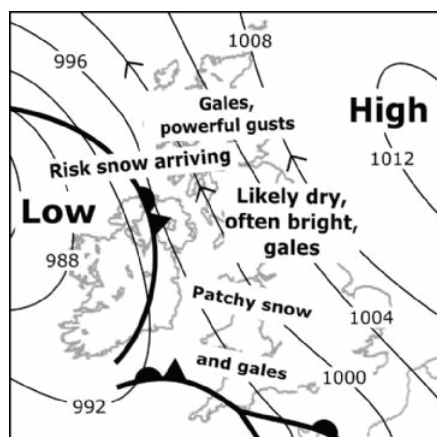
# Eryri / Snowdonia National Park

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



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## General Summary for Wednesday, 18 February, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 18 February, 2026

Cold with widespread gales in exposure; powerful gusts and severe wind chill. North and west Scotland often dry and free of cloud; an increasing risk of snow south with time, possibly east as well. English hills largely dry, hill cloud mostly isolated to high Pennines. Cloudier Wales with snow arriving from the south.

### Headline for Eryri / Snowdonia National Park

Gales, powerful gusts; dry, then risk of snow from the south

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 18 February, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southeasterly 40-50mph; constant powerful gusts over high terrain and passes, approaching 60mph or higher. Starting to ease after dark and shift easterly.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Widely challenging conditions with severe wind chill; powerful gusts require crouching with constant effort to maintain stability.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Often dry but a risk of deterioration from the south</b> Occasional snow flurries drifting onto southern and western slopes, falling as drizzly rain below 300-400m, but more likely dry. The risk of precipitation increases in the afternoon in the Berwyn group, small chance more widely across the region.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Starting on high tops and east Wales, probably deteriorating</b> Cloud caps grazing the high tops of mid-Wales and Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon) in the morning, an increasing risk of cloud spreading more widely, primarily mid and east Wales; slopes towards Anglesey stay free of cloud the longest.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>50%, likely lowering with time.</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Weak sun through high cloud in the morning, best towards Anglesey, but trending more overcast with time. Very good visibility though an early haze.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-2 or -3C. Western aspects always a degree warmer, may locally reach 0C near Y Garn/west of Carneddau. Feeling like -20C or colder in exposure.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	300-400m, rising to 500-600m most areas, higher north and west of high terrain, some thaws to upper terrain; an exact freezing level poorly defined.

	Thursday 19 February	Friday 20 February
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Easterly 20-30mph at/before dawn, easing to light and variable conditions, reorienting westerly, 20mph by dusk.	Southwesterly 40-55mph, likely quite gusty.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Strenuous walking in exposure to start the day with wind chill, then fairly small for most of the day.</b>	<b>Challenging conditions all day with significant wind chill; maintaining stability requires constant effort in exposure.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Some early snow east Wales.</b> A small chance of some early snow flurries affecting mostly eastern slopes, becoming dry.	<b>Patchy rain, sometimes more</b> Patchy rain/drizzle affecting high western hills much of the day, the best chance of dry periods in east Wales, also with a risk of a few more organized bands of rain sweeping west-to-east.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>High tops and eastern slopes, likely improving</b> Patchy cloud on the upper eastern slopes, may shroud most high terrain early in the day, but an improving trend, most hills clearing by later in the day; some uncertainty in timing, may stay cloudier longer.	<b>Fairly extensive</b> Cloud shrouds high terrain and slopes to the west and south down to the middle slopes most of all day. Cloud at times well broken and higher bases towards Carneddau, but filling in here too during rain.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy to start the day, sun increasingly breaking out, mostly west. Improving visibility, some haze east.	Mostly cloudy but some bright/sunny breaks will come and go, best east. Variable visibility, good out of cloud and rain, but some haze too.
<b>How Cold? (at 900m)</b>	-2 or -1C, some variability, and little change with added height.	Around 0C from dawn, some local variability, rising to 5C. Feeling like -7 to -10C in direct wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	300-400m, lifting to near 700m and may rise further overnight.	Poorly defined from dawn: highest terrain likely frozen, some lower slopes as well, soon rising above the summits.

## Planning Outlook

**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 19 February, 2026**

Much terrain in England and Scotland remains frozen as the weekend approaches. However, freezing level will be less well defined on western slopes as stable downslope flow may warm and thaw frozen ground up to middle elevations, particularly in Wales and England. Friday into the weekend sees a switch to southwesterly winds, bringing milder conditions - lifting above freezing to tops in England and Wales, and generally higher freezing levels in Scotland; periods of thawing to Munro summits will occur but also further snowfall on higher terrain during the day-to-day variability of precipitation and freezing levels. Often cloudy with periods of rain further south, most often affecting western and southern hills where cloud will be lowest and at times drizzly in the south. Often windy with upland gales.

**Forecast issued at 15:59 on Tuesday, 17 February, 2026**

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