

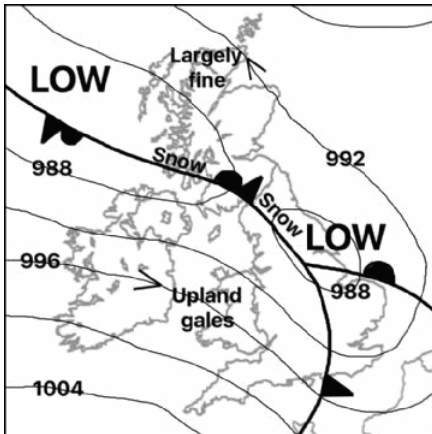
Snowdonia National Park

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General Summary for Friday, 29 December, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 29 December, 2017

A complex frontal system will gradually edge north bringing constant snow whiteout across northern England and all by N/NE Scotland; but will tend to turn to rain lower slopes into afternoon, particularly England. Across Wales, windy with upland westerly gales driving in showers; snow confined to higher areas here.

Headline for Snowdonia National Park

Upland gales driving in showers; falling as snow across higher areas.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 29 December, 2017

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly, 35-45mph, may reach 50-55mph higher areas for a few hours in the morning.
Effect of wind on you?	Will be arduous, or in morning difficult, at height with significant wind chill.
How wet?	Frequent showers, snow higher areas Rain, snow above 800-900m, at dawn will soon clear to the east. Showers will then follow, these most frequent across western hills. Snow falling above 700-800m. Heavy rain arriving overnight.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive west, improving in east Extensive low cloud at dawn will tend to lift and break up through the morning. By midday, maybe before, many eastern hills will be clear with only occasional patches here above 800m during showers. Further west, cloud will continue to often shroud hills above 600-700m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%, but lifting to 70% in east PM.
Sunshine and air clarity?	Little or no sun. Visibility often poor due to rain, but occasionally good in the afternoon.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1C.
Freezing Level	800m.

Snowdonia National Park - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 30 December	Sunday 31 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwest 45-65mph, will ease into the afternoon, before gales return again after dusk.	West to southwest 30-40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking widely difficult at height with significant buffeting and wind chill. Conditions will ease in the afternoon, before deteriorating again after dusk.	Walking arduous across higher areas with considerable buffeting. Some strong gusts reaching lower slopes near precipitation.
How wet?	Becoming largely dry for a time Any residual rain and summit snow at dawn will soon clear away to leave largely dry conditions with just a few showers in the west. After dusk, rain will set in from the southwest.	Frequent showers Showers will come in one after another across western hills; perhaps merging to give prolonged rain, or above about 700-900m snow over an hour or two leading to whiteout over higher areas. Least precipitation across eastern hills.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive dawn, but improving Cloud will widely shroud hills from dawn, lowest bases 400-700m in west. Bases soon rising to become mainly confined above 700-900m in the west with many hills in the east clearing. Will lower and become extensive again from dusk.	Often shrouding higher areas in west Cloud often shrouding higher areas in the west above about 700-900m in fog, but with some occasional fleeting glimpses of summits now and again. Eastern most hills generally often clear, outside showers when some patchy cloud may form over higher areas.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% west, 60% east.	30% west, 60% east.
Sunshine and air clarity?	Occasional glimpses of sun, mainly eastern hills. Visibility becoming good with clearance of rain.	Bursts of sunshine between showers; mainly eastern hills. Visibility very good outside showers.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3 or 4C	2C lowering to 0C.
Freezing Level	Above tops	Lowering to around 900m

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 30 December, 2017**

Next week, generally unsettled with frontal systems pushing in from the Atlantic to give frequent precipitation to western mountains and often windy conditions with periods of upland gales or severe gales. There will be freeze-thaw cycles; however periods of thaw will be very brief across the Scottish Highlands where significant accumulations of snowfall will continue to build up.

Forecast issued at 7:33 on Friday, 29 December, 2017

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