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Eryri / Snowdonia National Park

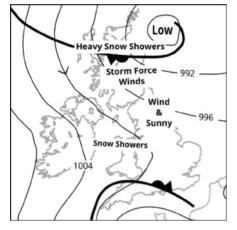
Includes all summits in the the northern half of Wales from Pumlumon northwards.





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General Summary for Thursday, 21 November, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 November, 2024

Heavy snow showers with gales in the Highlands. Southern Scotland and northern England mostly sunny, cold, windy at times, only isolated snowfall near the coasts. In Wales changeable conditions, from snowfall and whiteouts to sunny spells with a few clouds. Chilly.

Headline for Eryri / Snowdonia National Park

Mix of some sun, snow, rain, whiteouts, gustiness and cold

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 21 November, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	West to northwesterly, 15 to 30mph, varying. Perhaps stronger evening.	
Effect of wind on you?	Variable, in places buffeting with marked wind chill and impeded walking, balance on high ridges may be affected.	
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, may last for several hours Prolonged showers of snow and hail possible, on northernmost hills even likely. Mostly in form of rain lower slopes, snow above 400m. Risk isolated lightning. Snow on ground.	
Cloud on the hills?	On high tops and often low in showers Hills often covered with low cloud down to lower slopes, particularly in snowfall. In breaks between showers cloud often clearing.	
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun in and out, longer periods with no sun at all and prolonged whiteouts in showers. Sun most frequent east Wales.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2 to +1C. Feeling below -5C in wind.	
Freezing Level	Near 500m by the coast, well inland 200-400m.	

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Eryri / Snowdonia National Park - Looking Ahead

	Friday 22 November	Saturday 23 November
How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly, 30 to 45mph, slowly easing through the day. Sudden gusts near 50mph.	Southeasterly 40 to 70mph, high variability in time and space. Gusts 80mph possible.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous, in places foot placement difficult. Wind chill, keeping balance on ridges hardly possible.	Severe conditions, any activity on the exposed ridges highly dangerous regardless of experience.
How wet?	Snowfall, locally fairly heavy	Snowfall, then heavy rain
(Precipitation and its impact)	Intense snow and hail showers, most on Snowdon & near the coast. Central Wales more often dry. Below 400m rain, above 700m surely snow. Chance isolated lightning. Snowline rising through the day, showers becoming rare in the afternoon.	Snowfall in the morning, at times heavy, but soon changing into rainfall. Rain continues to be intense, Very wet underfoot by the end of the day, with additionally melting snow streams in spate, flooding possible.
Cloud on the hills?	Likely covered near showers	Hills covered extensively, whiteout
	Low cloud on various levels where snow is falling. If dry (most often east Wales), hills most likely clear. Toward evening more often dry and therefore clear hills.	Hills fully covered, very likely all day. With intense precipitation whiteout frequent at least first half of the day.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%, rising to 70%	Very low
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun possible between dominating periods of overcast sky and temporary whiteouts.	Overcast, zero visibility, whiteout.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0C, feeling below -10C in wind	-1C rising to +9C
Freezing Level	500-700m, rising gradually to 800m	Rising from 400-600m early morning to well above all summits afternoon.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 22 November, 2024

Weekend will start with heavy snowfall for many mountains. With significant warming, from Saturday afternoon change into snow, perhaps locally freezing rain for a while. On Sunday frequent rain, freezing level above all summits. On both weekend days severe winds even in the valleys! Next week with start with some cooling, mix of rain and snow showers, then dry for Tuesday and Wednesday. Wednesday night another warm front will move over the UK southwest to northeast, bringing rain and strong winds. Later, milder and moderately wet.

Forecast issued at 15:35 on Wednesday, 20 November, 2024

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