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Eryri / Snowdonia National Park

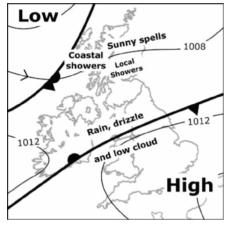
Includes all summits in the the northern half of Wales from Pumlumon northwards.





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General Summary for Tuesday, 21 January, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 January, 2025

Below freezing on Scottish tops. Noticeably chilly in the breeze. A cluster of showers with hill snow moves across the Highlands early in the day, but clears to be often dry and bright. Showers continue near to western coasts, some moving inland. A slow-moving front over England & north Wales brings grey and damp conditions.

Headline for Eryri / Snowdonia National Park

Rain much of the day, low cloud. Moderate breeze.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 21 January, 2025

| How windy? (On the summits) | Southwesterly 15 to 25mph. | |
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| Effect of wind on you? | Starting to affect comfortable walking on higher exposed terrain, impacting balance on some ridges. Marked wind chill. | |
| How wet? | Rain and drizzle persistent, sleet tops | |
| (Precipitation and its impact) | Often raining for much of the region, periods of steadier rain over western hills, at times turning drizzly. Some sleet or wet snow on higher terrain above about 800m. Least amounts further east. | |
| Cloud on the hills? | Extensive | |
| | Blanket low cloud across the mountains all day. Lowest bases toward western coasts from 300-400m upward. Inland base may be a little higher, local breaks to 600m or higher on eastern Carneddau area. | |
| Chance of cloud free summits? | 10% | |
| Sunshine? | Overcast and dull. | |
| Air clarity (below cloud) | Hazy, poor visibility in rain. | |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | 1 or 2C. | |
| | Wind chill feeling like -7C. | |
| Freezing Level | Just above highest summits. | |

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Eryri / Snowdonia National Park - Looking Ahead

| | Wednesday 22 January | Thursday 23 January |
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| How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you? | Variable direction, 10mph and lower. Little to none | Southerly turning west-southwesterly; speeds soon increasing 30 to 45mph, risk 60-70mph for a time, suddenly squally. Soon arduous or difficult conditions, frequent buffeting where exposed; gusts may knock you over. Significant wind chill. |
| How wet? | Early rains soon clear, then mostly dry | Heavy rain, some snow highest tops |
| (Precipitation and its impact) | Patches of rain possible in most places early morning, though not extensive. Falling as sleet or snow on highest terrain. Mostly dry later, possibility of light showers on hills nearest coasts. | Soon from dawn, abruptly heavy rain, sleet or at times snow above 800m. Continuing for several hours, then breaking up into clusters of showers into afternoon, but may still result in frequent precipitation. Chance isolated thunder. |
| Cloud on the hills? | High terrain covered, moments of clearing | Varied low cloud, highest north |
| | Highest tops often capped, bases occasionally reaching further down on windward slopes. Intermittent clearing as well. | Varied patches at first, but cloud at dawn may be mostly above hills. Lowering extensively in rain, most persistent southwest from Snowdon/Yr Wyddfa group. Higher bases Carneddau. |
| Chance of cloud free summits? | 30% | 30% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Glimpses of sun possible, though possibly blocked by high cloud. Good visibility out of cloud; hazier toward east Wales. | Generally overcast. Visibility very poor in rain, locally better at times in north. |
| How Cold? (at 900m) | Around 0C | 0 or 1C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C. |
| Freezing Level | 900m | 900m or above. |

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 22 January, 2025

Deteriorating later this week - a series of storm systems coming in from the Atlantic through late January bringing frequently severe conditions to the mountains. Thursday sees winds reach gale force on many tops with a spell of heavy rain and upland snow developing from the west. By Friday, severe conditions from lower elevations upward, hurricane-force winds over the mountains, plus extensive rain and hill snow. Gales continue into Saturday, severe for the Highlands. Snow is likely to accumulate over Scottish mountains during the next week or so with only brief thawing. More variable temperatures for England and Wales with cycles of freeze and thaw. Atlantic patterns likely prevail into early February.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Monday, 20 January, 2025

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