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Eryri / Snowdonia National Park

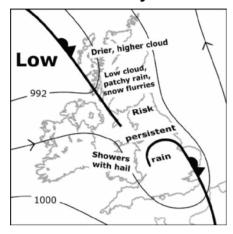
Includes all summits in the the northern half of Wales from Pumlumon northwards.





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General Summary for Thursday, 4 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 4 December, 2025

A complex weather situation with areas of frequent or persistent rain and hill snow, focused from the southern Highlands to northern England; often strong SE'ly winds. Further north in the Highlands, generally drier with higher cloud breaks. In Wales, becoming showery westerlies with risk of hail.

Headline for Eryri / Snowdonia National Park

Early rain/snow on tops, then squally showers, cloud rising.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 4 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Pre-dawn, southerly 40-45mph, but by dawn a possible brief lull. Then soon mostly westerly 25-30mph, sudden squalls in showers.	
Effect of wind on you?	Expect variations, but soon frequently feeling blustery over hills with considerable wind chill. Gusty spells will challenge balance in exposure.	
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and upland snow, then showers Morning rain moves gradually to the east, snow above 800m, lingering for several hours. Giving way to scattered showers off Cardigan Bay into afternoon, possible hail.	
Cloud on the hills?	Improving to banks over high tops Variable banks of cloud on high terrain, a few lower banks too, tending to clear through morning to just banks over high terrain as showers come and go. An increasing chance of clear summits, particularly east.	
Chance of cloud free summits?	20% rising to 50% afternoon inland	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of weak sun through high cloud appearing afternoon. Good visibility though some haze.	
How Cold? (at 900m)	0C Feeling like -10C in exposure to stronger winds on tops during day.	
Freezing Level	900m	

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Eryri / Snowdonia National Park - Looking Ahead

	Friday 5 December	Saturday 6 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly 30-35mph, rising to 50mph afternoon with gusts over tops up to 60mph+. Easing overnight.	Southwesterly 35 to 45mph, risk strengthening over 50mph high tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking early deteriorates to widely challenging conditions with powerful gusts. Severe wind chill in exposure.	Challenging walking conditions, frequent buffeting affecting balance on exposed tops and ridges; marked wind chill.
How wet?	Rain sets in widely from midday	Frequent showery rain
(Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy showery rain/sleet drifts inland from Cardigan Bay early. Rain sets in widely around the midday hours with heavy falls into nighttime.	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.
Cloud on the hills?	Becoming extensive	Fairly extensive tops
	From dawn cloud likely caps the high tops with banks down towards 700m on western slopes. Many eastern hills clear. Soon lowering widely towards 600-700m as rain arrives, as low as 400m westernmost slopes.	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.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Soon lowering to less than 10%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast. Visibility becomes poor as rain sets in.	Glimpses of sun mostly east. Visibility varied, poor in rain, intermittently good out of cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1 or 2C, rapidly rising afternoon to 4 or 5C, remaining warmer into night. Feeling like -12C in strong wind.	4C. Wind chill feeling like -7 to -10C.
Freezing Level	700-800m, rising above the summits through morning.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 5 December, 2025

Generally unsettled through the weekend and into next week with areas of low pressure circulating near to the British Isles. Temperatures often near to freezing point on higher Scottish mountains, at times on tops elsewhere, though some thawing will occur periodically even to high tops in the Highlands. A complex series of frontal systems bringing spells of rain and some upland snow, mixed with showers with hail mostly near western coasts. Wind speeds will also vary, often south to southwesterlies, at times reaching gale force on tops, but intermittent lulls.

Forecast issued at 7:15 on Thursday, 4 December, 2025

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