

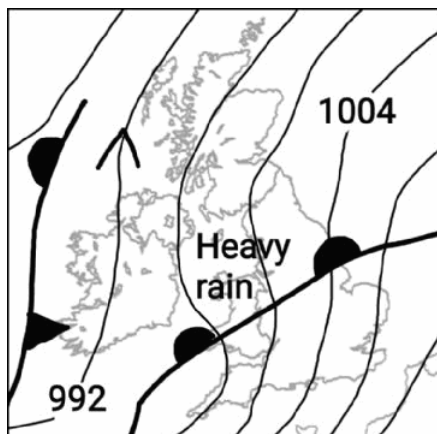
Eryri / Snowdonia National Park

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



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General Summary for Thursday, 18 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 18 December, 2025

Scotland: South to south-west gales bringing hill fog and showers, before band of heavy, perhaps squally, rain moves up from the southwest in afternoon, snow tops.

England and Wales: Heavy rain spreading north with hill fog becoming extensive with strong to gale force southerly winds.

Headline for Eryri / Snowdonia National Park

Southerly gales with heavy rain soon setting in.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 18 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly 35 to 50mph, but direction and speed likely to vary, possibly lower speeds for periods during day.
Effect of wind on you?	Expect arduous walking conditions and considerable wind chill on higher terrain, but may lessen for periods.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy rain soon setting in Dry possibly for a few hours from dawn, bar an odd patch of rain near west coast. Heavy rain moving in from south, possibly soon persistent. Breaking up into showery rain (also hail, snow high tops) evening into night.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive Banks of cloud varying, most persistent south-facing slopes. Widely filling in if rain sets in. Best higher breaks Carneddau.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% at first, dropping below 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull, murky in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3 or 4C, then lowering to 0C into night. Wind chill feeling as cold as -10C on tops.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, then dropping into the night to around 900m.

	Friday 19 December	Saturday 20 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 35 to 50mph, strongest northern tops in the morning, tending to lessen a little during day.	South to south-easterly 30 to 50mph, risk 60mph western hills at times.
Effect of wind on you?	Arduous conditions over higher mountains, frequent buffeting in exposure in morning. Significant wind chill.	Walking arduous, or near west coast difficult, with a very turbulent airflow. Significant wind chill and buffeting.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Occasional showers with hail Passing showers mostly morning, with hail briefly, falling as snow above 800m. Fading to be brief or rare afternoon.	Patchy rain, becoming persistent from west. Patches of rain or drizzle here and there, may well become increasingly persistent from the west coast as front edges in. Very little in east and hills north of the A5.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly high tops with breaks Varying cloud bases, but often capping high tops above 800m in morning, some breaks more often afternoon. Clearer well inland and east Wales much of day.	Extensive Cloud covering hills extensively, especially as rain moves in. Bases around 500-800m, lowest west coast. Higher bases at times north of the A5.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sun, most frequent east. Visibility mostly very good.	Very likely overcast. Visibility good at times, but poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 to 2C. Feeling like -12C directly in the wind.	2 or 3C
Freezing Level	900 to 1000m, rising slightly just above tops later or after dark.	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 19 December, 2025

South-southwesterly winds widely remain gale force over the mountains later this week and through into Saturday, severe upland gales for periods. Showery on Friday, most frequent in western Scotland with hail, also snow over tops. Another belt of persistent rain likely arrives onto western hills into Saturday, snow only highest Scottish tops. A switch to east-southeasterly winds by Sunday into early next week, some residual rain and high-level snow, but a drier theme develops and favouring chillier conditions into the Christmas period.

Forecast issued at 16:35 on Wednesday, 17 December, 2025

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