

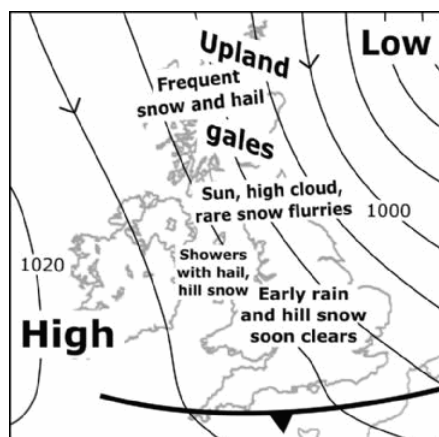
Eryri / Snowdonia National Park

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



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General Summary for Thursday, 1 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 1 January, 2026

Cold north-northwesterly winds, widely gale force over the mountains, difficult conditions with severe chill factor on Scottish high tops. Showery snow and hail frequent in northern Scotland. Rare showers central Scotland and northern England. Early rain and hill snow followed by showers in Wales.

Headline for Eryri / Snowdonia National Park

Windy, up to gale-force tops; showers, snow on hills.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 1 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 25 to 40mph, strongest higher tops in the north, squally gusts in showers.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking, frequent buffeting in exposure higher up, challenging to keep balance on ridges. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Early rain, hill snow, then showers with hail Persistent rain and hill snow above 600-700m from before dawn, clearing southward early morning. Then scattered showers moving in from coasts, falling as snow above 500-600m, possible hail; more frequent evening into night.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied over tops, breaks inland Cloud fairly extensive on higher slopes from dawn, but lifting with breaks, then varying, but often capping higher slopes, bases 700-900m, lowest most often near coast. Brief breaks higher up more frequent eastward into mid Wales.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% north/west, to 50% inland/east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, some bursts of sun. Visibility varying, very poor in snow and cloud, intermittently very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1 or -2C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C.
Freezing Level	Up to dawn near to freezing to some lower slopes, then rising to 600-800m, highest near the coast.

Eryri / Snowdonia National Park - Looking Ahead

	Friday 2 January	Saturday 3 January
How windy? (On the summits)	North-northwesterly 25 to 35mph, squally gusts 40mph at times in showers.	North to northwesterly 25 to 40mph, squally gusts in showers.
Effect of wind on you?	Significant wind chill over the mountains. Blustery, buffeting gusts sometimes affecting balance on exposed terrain.	Continued significant wind chill over the hills, severe highest tops. Frequent buffeting on exposed higher terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow and hail showers Showers coming inland from northern coasts, most frequent toward the west, risk a more widespread band of snow at first, then showery with hail falling to lower slopes, rain only lower coastal areas.	Locally frequent snow and hail Showers over the Irish Sea moving inland from the north, locally banding together to be more frequent, most likely affecting areas toward the Llyn Peninsula, snow and hail often falling to lower slopes.
Cloud on the hills?	Most frequent high tops in north Often capping higher slopes above 800-900m, patches to 600m mainly on slopes toward coasts in showers. Brief breaks above higher tops, more often mid-Wales.	Varied over northern tops Often capping higher tops from Carneddau to Snowdon group, base varied above 700-900m, breaking at times off the tops. Brief lower patches in showers. More often clear southward into mid-Wales.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief bursts of sun. Visibility very poor where in snow and cloud, but intermittently very good.	Bursts of sunshine, more often sunny inland toward mid-Wales. Visibility excellent where dry, but very poor where in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3 or -4C. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C on tops.	-4 or -5C. Wind chill feeling like -17C in exposure on high tops.
Freezing Level	400 to 500m. Soon widely dropping below freezing from valleys upward into evening.	300 to 500m, highest near coast, but terrain part-frozen into valleys inland.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 2 January, 2026

Terrain extensively frozen onward into the weekend and early next week at least; sub-zero temperatures from the glens upward in Scotland and some valleys inland in northern England. Substantial fresh snow accumulations in the North West Highlands and Cairngorms, heavy showers streaming in from the north also containing hail. Largely dry and sunny from central Scotland to northern England. Hail and snow showers will run into north and west Wales from the sea. Bitter northerly winds, up to gale force higher tops, tending to lessen into Sunday. Some fluctuation of freezing level during next week, but some fronts moving in from northwest likely bring snowfall to hills at times more widely.

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