

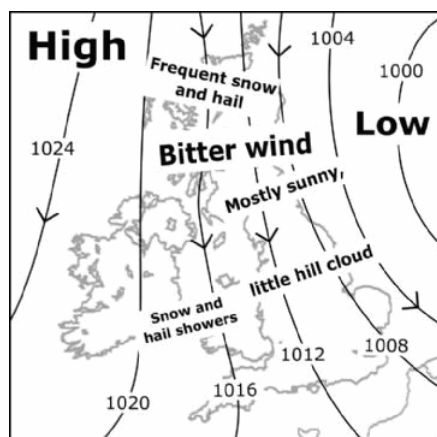
Eryri / Snowdonia National Park

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



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General Summary for Saturday, 3 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 3 January, 2026

Widespread sub-zero temperatures and wind, gales in northern England and Scotland; wind chill approaching -20C or lower on high summits. Near-constant snow showers in northern Scotland with snowdrifts building; snow showers into central/west Scotland and west Wales too. Mostly sunny southern Scotland and England.

Headline for Eryri / Snowdonia National Park

Snow and hail showers north and west; strong, cold wind

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 3 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	North to northwesterly 35 to 40mph in the morning with squally gusts in showers. A slight easing trend with time, speeds nearer 30mph into evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Significant wind chill over the hills, severe highest tops. Strenuous walking with frequent buffeting on exposed higher terrain, a slight easing of conditions with time in the afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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, occasional further east towards Carneddau. Snow and hail often falling to lower slopes.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied mostly northern high terrain Often capping higher tops from Carneddau to Snowdon group, base varied above 800-1000m, breaking at times off the tops. Brief lower patches in heavier snow showers. More often clear southward into mid-Wales, best around Berwyn Group/Bala.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, more often sunny inland toward the Berwyn group. Visibility excellent where dry, but very poor where in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-4 or -5C; inland valleys starting near -5C as well. Wind chill feeling like -20C in exposure on high tops early in the day.
Freezing Level	300 to 500m, highest near coast, but terrain part-frozen into valleys inland. Will drop to valley level overnight well-inland.

Eryri / Snowdonia National Park - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 4 January	Monday 5 January
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Northwesterly 20-25mph, squally gusts in showers. Some higher speeds over high ground possible late in the day. Continued significant wind chill over the hills, severe highest tops. Ease of walking affected with buffeting, may deteriorate.	Northerly 25-30mph. Continued significant wind chill over the hills, severe highest tops where walking becomes strenuous with buffeting.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow and hail becoming frequent Irish Sea showers move onto western slopes in the morning, gradually falling more widely into the Carneddau area and widely across Snowdonia NP. Showers only reaching Berwyn group later.	Snow showers, mostly west Irish Sea showers come and go onto Snowdon and mountains to the west, occasional more broadly north of A5 too. Fewer showers, if any, reaching Berwyn group.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Increasingly shrouding high terrain Capping higher tops from Carneddau to Snowdon group, base varied above 700-900m, a few higher breaks early. Bases lower in showers, and bases to middle slopes increasingly widely across Snowdonia NP. 50% lowering to 20%	Variable, most extensive northern high ground Capping higher tops from Carneddau to Snowdon group, base varied above 800-900m, a few higher breaks but also lowering in showers. Towards Berwyn group, any cloud fleeting on high tops, if any. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, mostly east, trending cloudier. Visibility excellent where dry, but increasingly very poor in snow and cloud.	Bursts of sunshine to the south and east, may be largely cloudy near the coasts. Visibility excellent where dry, but very poor in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 900m) Freezing Level	-4C. Wind chill feeling like -17C in exposure on high tops. Terrain widely frozen down to valleys well inland; up to 300m northwest of Snowdon.	-4C. Wind chill feeling like -17C in exposure on high tops. Terrain widely frozen down to valleys well inland; up to 200m near coastal slopes, highest towards the north.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 4 January, 2026

Terrain extensively frozen into early next week; sub-zero temperatures from the glens upward in Scotland and increasingly into valleys in England and Wales. Heavy showers streaming into northern and coastal Scotland, some containing hail, most terrain covered in snow with substantial snowdrifts in the Northwest Highlands and Cairngorms. Largely dry and sunny in southern Scotland and England. Hail and snow showers will run into north and west Wales from the sea. Bitter northerly winds, up to gale force higher tops at times.

More variable next week: some fluctuation of freezing level during next week, though most high terrain stays sub-zero, and as fronts come in from the west, upland snowfalls are possible more widely.

Forecast issued at 15:16 on Friday, 2 January, 2026

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