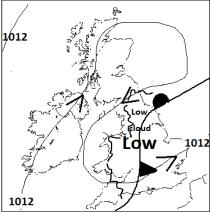


MOUNTAIN WEATHER INFORMATION SERVICE Snowdonia National Park



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General Summary for Thursday, 10th February, 2011



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 10th February, 2011

Scotland will be fine with light winds and extensive sunshine. However, close to the Border with England southwards, there will be widespread very low cloud and a little drizzly rain - with some uncertainty as to the northern boundary of this.

Headline for Snowdonia National Park

Largely dry, but particularly east, threat constant low cloud,

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 10th February, 2011

How windy? (On the summits)	Direction likely to vary, 15mph.		
Effect of wind on you?	Small.		
How wet?	Patchy drizzly rain, mainly south and east		
	Occasional drizzly rain, mainly after dawn, although may continue on and off until the middle of the day across southern and eastern Snowdonia. Most or all the rain will die out, but patches of drizzle may persist, except on westernmost slopes.		
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, particularly east		
	Areas of very low cloud likely in morning. The base will slowly lift, but perhaps only rarely above 500m eastern and northernmost areas. However, breaks likely to 900m, perhaps above summits from about Snowdon southwards.		
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%		
Sunshine and air clarity?	Little if any sunshine. Widely misty or in cloud, foggy, but on northern and western hills, visibility may become very good.		
How Cold? (at 900m)	3C		
Freezing level	Above the summits.		

Looking Ahead

	Friday, 11th February, 2011	Saturday, 12th February, 2011
How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly, 25 to 30mph gusts 45, perhaps 50mph on highest summits for periods.	West backing southerly, around 20mph; possibly strengthening on coastal hills by dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	Buffeting likely for periods, mainly higher western summits and near major ridges.	Small
How wet?	Occasional drizzly rain	Isolated, if any snow showers
	Drizzly rain now and again, mainly western hills north from Porthmadog to Snowdon, although later, an hour or two of more persistent rain will reach region from the west.	Only the risk of one or two brief hail and above 500m snow showers.
Cloud on the hills?	Higher hills mostly covered	Hills often cloud free
	Typical cloud base 500 to 700m, but breaks above 900m north of the A5 and in the Bala area. But for periods, very low cloud, below 350m western slopes north from Porthmadog to Snowdon.	Cloud mostly above the summits, but near showers, may form temporarily as low as 600m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	70%
Sunshine and air clarity?	A few pockets of sunshine north of the A5 and near Bala, where visibility will often be very good. Elsewhere visibility widely poor in rain and cloud.	Patchwork of bright sunshine, most sun well inland. Visibility excellent, but temporarily dropping in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 900m)	3 or 4C	-1C
Freezing level	Above summits.	750m

Planning Outlook: All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 11th February, 2011

Little change over the coming week as further fronts bring in rain off the Atlantic, but with a drop in temperature, increasingly snow to higher mainly Scottish areas.

However, a ridge of high pressure will bring a fine day with light winds to most mountains on Saturday. Into next week, there will be an extensive area of very cold air just east of Britain; this probably intermittently extending westwards into or across northern and eastern Britain.

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