Mount Snowdon vs Mount Everest

Amount of deaths:

Everest: Mount Everest is almost ten times as tall as Snowdon and therefore it is a lot steeper to climb. In 2009, 5 deaths had been recorded whilst climbing this challenging mountain.

Snowdon: Because this mountain is a lot less steep, many tourists are treating Snowdon like an easy task you can do for some exercise. 9 deaths had been recorded in 2009 for this reason.

Weather conditions:

Everest: Temperatures on the summit of Mount Everest never reach above freezing. During the month of January, it can drop to as cold as -60 degrees. Despite its freezing temperatures, Everest climbers also have to face hurricane force winds, wind chill and avalanches during their expedition.

Snowdon: Compared to Everest, mount Snowdon’s weather is a lot more ideal for climbing. For every 100m you climb, the temperature will decrease by 0.5 degrees. The peak of Snowdon receives 1200 hours of sun per year and the temperature can reach up to -20 degrees. Although the weather conditions of this mountain are much warmer than Everest, Snowdon is said to get very strong gusts of wind and a woman has had to be rescued because she lost her footing and slipped due to this.

Crevasses:

Everest: Crevasses in mount Everest can be anywhere between 1 and 40 metres wide. In 2012, a guide fell 150ft down a crevasse, because all climbers have to use thin ladders to get across and not all are very stable. Crevasses have killed many people climbing Everest mainly because they have fallen, but also because crevasses aren’t permanent, meaning they close over after some time and, if you are down there, it would kill you or trap you inside.

Snowdon: Not many climbers have fallen or gotten injured because of Snowdon’s crevasses, but a very recent tragedy struck at the beginning of this month when a man aged 70 fell 80ft from a ridge close to the peak whilst walking with his wife.

I think that it is less dangerous to climb Snowdon than to climb Everest because even though Snowdon has had more deaths recorded in 2009, providing people are sensible, there are fewer risks.