

# Winter Energy Rhythm Map

## Working with your energy instead of pushing against it

Many people expect energy levels to stay the same all year round. In winter, this can create frustration, guilt or a sense of falling behind.

**In reality, energy is not fixed, it moves in rhythms.** Light levels, temperature, stress, hormones, sleep and nourishment all influence how much capacity we have from day to day.

This is not about productivity or optimisation. It's about recognising your natural energy patterns and responding to them with care.

Nothing here needs to be followed perfectly. Simply noticing your rhythm is enough for now.



In winter, it's common to experience:

- lower baseline energy
- slower mornings
- fluctuating motivation
- a stronger need for warmth and rest

These are not signs of laziness or failure.

They are normal biological responses to a season that asks us to slow down.

Instead of judging low-energy days, this rhythm map invites you to adapt your expectations to match your capacity.



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## The Three Energy States & Mapping Your Own Rhythm



Most people move between three broad energy states. You may notice all three within a single week.

### Low Energy Days

You may feel:

- heavy, tired or flat
- emotionally sensitive
- easily overwhelmed
- resistant to decision-making

### Medium Energy Days

You may feel:

- steady but not driven
- able to manage essentials
- calmer with structure
- open to gentle activity

### Higher Energy Days

You may feel:

- clearer and more motivated
- socially engaged
- able to plan or create
- more resilient to stress

None of these states are better than the others. They simply ask for different kinds of support.

Using the Energy Map on the next page, take a moment to reflect on the past week or two.

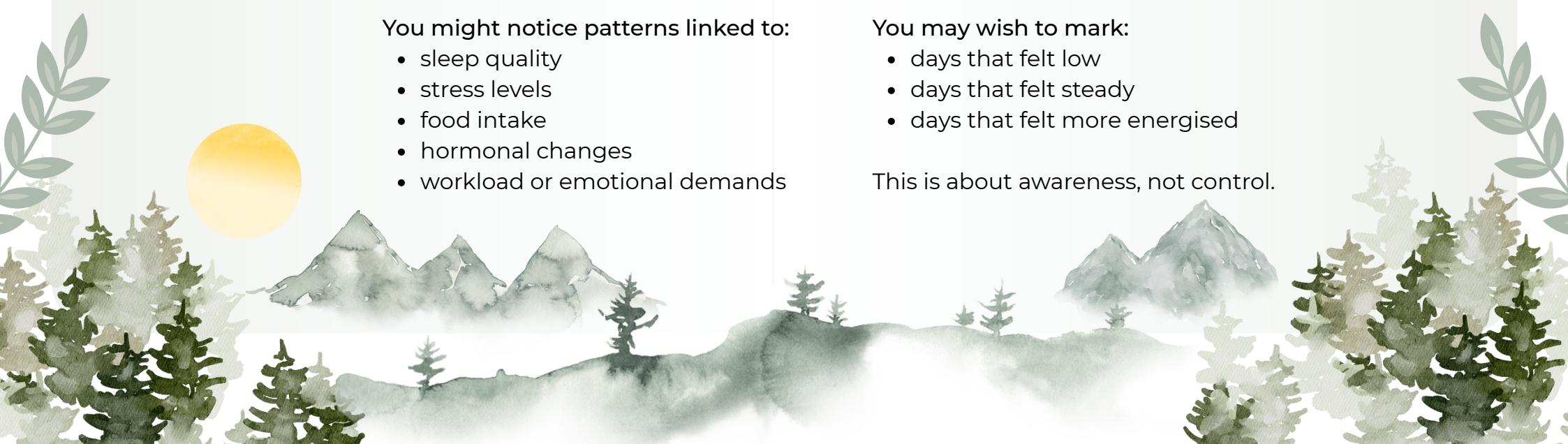
You might notice patterns linked to:

- sleep quality
- stress levels
- food intake
- hormonal changes
- workload or emotional demands

You may wish to mark:

- days that felt low
- days that felt steady
- days that felt more energised

This is about awareness, not control.



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# Map Your Own Rhythm

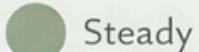


Reflect on your week and mark the energy levels you've felt.

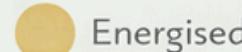
Mark your rhythm:



Low



Steady



## Energised

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## How to Support Your Energy Rhythm

**On low energy days**, your nervous system often benefits from **containment and simplicity**.

Supportive approaches include:

- warm, regular meals
- familiar foods
- gentle routines
- reduced decision-making
- rest without guilt

These days are well-suited to:

- nourishment
- recovery
- grounding

Low energy days are not days to fix yourself. They are days to support your system.

**Medium energy days** are ideal for **steady care**.

You may find it helpful to:

- eat balanced meals
- keep a simple routine
- do light movement
- complete necessary tasks without pressure

These days support:

- consistency
- gentle progress
- emotional steadiness

They are often the backbone of winter wellbeing.

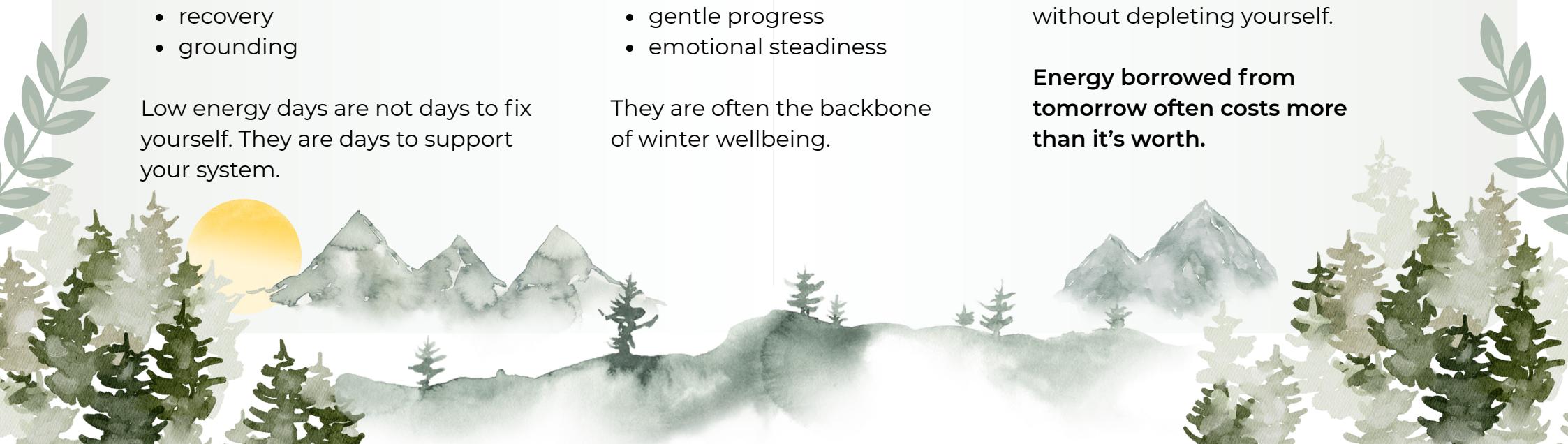
**Higher energy days** can feel relieving in winter, but they don't need to be overused.

On these days, you might:

- prepare meals for lower-energy days
- organise gently
- socialise in ways that feel nourishing
- engage creatively

The key is to use higher energy without depleting yourself.

**Energy borrowed from tomorrow often costs more than it's worth.**



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## Why This Matters for Mood & Anxiety

When we push ourselves on low-energy days, the nervous system can move into stress responses such as anxiety, irritability or shutdown.

### When we work with our energy:

- the nervous system feels safer
- mood tends to stabilise
- confidence grows quietly
- self-trust improves

Responding to your energy rhythm is a form of nervous system regulation.



### You might like to reflect on one or two questions:

There are no right answers.

- Which energy state do I experience most often in winter?
- How do I usually respond to low energy?
- What would change if I treated low-energy days with the same respect as higher-energy days?



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## Where to Go Next



This energy rhythm map is designed to sit alongside our Winter Wellness Reset.

**You may find it helpful to combine this with:**

- nutrition that supports steady energy
- sensory inputs such as warmth, scent or touch
- guided nervous system support
- seasonal routines that reduce pressure

If you'd like practical nutrition support,  
explore our **free 3-Day Winter Mood Food Guide**.



For deeper nervous system support, guided hypnotherapy may also be helpful.

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