Brecon Beacons

Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.

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General Summary for Tuesday, 19 March, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 19 March, 2024

Upland gales for the Highlands in the morning will ease. Early heavy bursts of rain clearing eastwards to leave often drier conditions. Variable cloud amounts, most persistent over western mountains, but lifting with some breaks forming.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Strong winds easing. Isolated showers, rain into evening.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 19 March, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 25 to 30mph at first, but soon easing towards midday and dropping out in the afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery morning with some buffeting at times, but easing by afternoon.
How wet?	Occasional showers, mainly morning.
(Precipitation and its impact)	A few drizzly showers through the day, these mostly in morning when they may be frequent for a time.
	Rain moving in from southwest by evening, widely heavier rain into night.
Cloud on the hills?	Cloud lifting, but often still capping tops.
	Extensive hill fog likely from mid to upper slopes early in the morning. However bases will gradually rise, and by afternoon become confined to the tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20% lifting to 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Cloudy morning, patchy sun in the afternoon. Visibility poor at times in morning drizzly showers, but otherwise very good.
How Cold? (at 750m)	5C. Wind chill feeling like -5C in stronger winds.
Freezing Level	Above the tops

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Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

Mostly northerly or at times variable 10 to 15mph. Mostly small, but marked chill in the breeze.	West to southwesterly 20 to 35mph. Blustery over the hills, affecting
-	Blustery over the hills, affecting
	comfortable walking. Considerable wind chill.
Wet day with steady rain much of day.	Patchy rain, risk heavier later
A damp day with light to moderate rain, perhaps heavy at first, which will continue on and off through the day, easing later in the afternoon.	Mostly small amounts of rain or drizzle in the wind, but later in the day, this becoming steadier rain, some heavy bursts by evening into night.
Extensive, possible breaks later.	Risk lowering cloud
Extensive hill fog through much of the day, patches down to lowest slopes in the rain. Bases may break up and lift from the west ater in the day.	Much cloud likely above the hills for a time, but banks likely to form, especially in west.
20%	50%
Overcast.	Mostly cloudy.
Visibility often poor due to rain.	Visibility good, but becoming hazier.
Around 4C	6 to 8C. Wind chill feeling below freezing on tops.
Above the summits	Above the summits.
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Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 20 March, 2024

Mixed westerly patterns prevail this week, but turning northwesterly toward the weekend allowing much colder air to move in - dropping extensively below freezing point over all British mountains for several days. Fresh upland snowfalls, concentrated toward the west and north of the Highlands, including heavy showers with hail.

A period of sustained gales over the tops late this week and likely into the weekend - severe gales over Scottish tops on Thursday at least; significant or at times severe wind chill factor.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Monday, 18 March, 2024

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