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Brecon Beacons

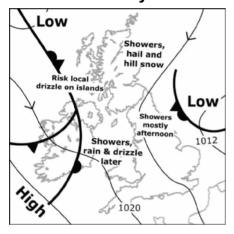




Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.

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General Summary for Wednesday, 17 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 17 April, 2024

Chilly northerly winds, tending to ease across the Highlands. Staying near or below freezing over higher tops. A scattering of hail and hill snow showers, focused over eastern Scotland, also Pennine areas by afternoon. Western Scotland mostly dry. Early showers for Wales turns into steadier rain in the west here by afternoon.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Chilly brisk wind. Showers, becoming steady rain later in west.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 17 April, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwest turning northerly 25 to 30mph, tending to lessen a little later in afternoon.	
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable wind chill and blustery over higher terrain much of the day.	
How wet? (Precipitation and its	Isolated showers, persistent rain in west afternoon. One or two brief showers in morning, snow flurries on highest tops.	
impact)	Steadier drizzly rain pushing onto western hills during the afternoon, locally becoming heavier, especially by evening. Little reaching eastern hills.	
Cloud on the hills?	Breaks best south	
	Patchy cloud on higher slopes in the morning, lifting above the tops. Banks of cloud drifting across western Cambrians at times, risk lowering if rain moves in.	
Chance of cloud free summits?	70%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun and variable cloud. Visibility excellent.	
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1C rising to +3C. Wind chill feeling like -10C early in the day, -5C by afternoon.	
Freezing Level	700m, plus possible slight frost inland valleys at first. Rising above highest tops. May lower slightly by dusk.	

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Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 18 April	Friday 19 April
How windy? (On the summits)	Variable and low speeds in morning. Becoming westerly, tending to increase 15 to 25mph afternoon into evening.	Northwesterly 25 to 35mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small for half the day or more, but becoming breezier making it feel cooler later in the day.	Considerable wind chill and blustery on exposed higher terrain.
How wet?	Mostly dry	Showers easing
(Precipitation and its impact)	One or two brief showers drifting eastwards, but much of the daytime dry. Into night, drizzly rain likely developing from the northwest.	Scattered showers with hail tending to fade.
Cloud on the hills?	Local patches lifting	Lifting above hills
	Patchy mist around some valleys and hill slopes from dawn. Some cloud banks may drift onto western hills for a time. Mostly lifting above tops by afternoon.	Patches on higher slopes for time, but likely to clear.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A little sun, best in east. Visibility very good.	Broken cloud and sun. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1C rising to 4C. Feeling sub-zero on exposed tops later as winds increase.	3 or 4C. Wind chill feeling like -7C.
Freezing Level	Slight frost some valleys and sheltered higher terrain at dawn. Otherwise above freezing to the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 18 April, 2024

Briefly just above freezing to highest Scottish tops on Thursday daytime. A period of rain and drizzle preceded by snow on tops coming in from the west, wettest over western Scotland. By Thursday night, dropping back to freezing to 800m from the north. Staying near freezing over high tops into Friday with a scattering of brief hail showers on brisk northwesterly winds. A fine and milder weekend for many as high pressure builds. W-SW'ly breezes in northern Scotland with patchy rain in the northwest. High pressure stays nearby into next week, but cool northeasterly breezes are likely - near or below freezing on tops with overnight frost into glens. Sunny spells and scattered showers with hail and snow.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Tuesday, 16 April, 2024

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