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Brecon Beacons

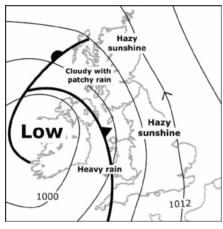




Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.

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General Summary for Tuesday, 30 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 30 April, 2024

Brisk southeasterly winds, up to gale force some tops; strengthening across the Highlands. A belt of rain draped across west coast of Scotland south from Skye, also affecting Galloway, and fairly persistent rain for west and south Wales. Drier further east and north with hazy sunshine. Fairly mild air.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Windy, rain heaviest, most constant southwest, low cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 30 April, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly speeds varied: typically 35-40mph in the morning. Gradually easing toward 20mph afternoon into evening.	
Effect of wind on you?	Walking widely arduous on higher areas, and wind chill considerable, although conditions are likely to ease through the afternoon.	
How wet?	Persistent rain southwest	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Periods of rain and drizzle, increasingly heavy, particularly Brecon Beacons and SW Wales.	
	Will begin to clear SW Wales through afternoon and further east in evening.	
Cloud on the hills?	Frequently covering higher slopes	
	SW Wales and Brecon Beacons: fog persistent, sometimes below 300m. Will begin to break up, best later afternoon or evening. Elsewhere: Cloud base typically 350 to 600m, locally higher east Wales at first.	
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine. Visibility often poor in rain, but excellent late in day from southwest.	
How Cold? (at 750m)	5C. Will feel as cold as -5C directly in the wind.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits	

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Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 1 May	Thursday 2 May
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southeasterly between 10 and 20mph: generally strongest in the morning. Small	Easterly or variable, 20 to 35mph, locally may be very gusty, mainly mid-Wales, in places downslope to west. Locally very varied, but possible sudden buffeting making walking arduous in places not just on higher terrain.
How wet?	Risk showers afternoon	Periods of rain
(Precipitation and its impact)	Scattered heavy showers afternoon.	Uncertain progress of a slow-moving front over Wales, may give several hours of rain, some heavier bursts from elevated cloud layers.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied patches, but often clear	Risk extensive
	A few patches after dawn, banks of cloud mainly on east and southeastern slopes. Locally forming temporarily after rain.	Risk of low cloud shrouding many hills for periods, most persistent eastern areas. May vary during the day, filling in extensively around rain, but some periods where cloud largely above hills, best breaks in west.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun and varied high cloud. Excellent visibility.	Rare weak sun due to high cloud layers, mostly overcast and dull. Hazy.
How Cold? (at 750m)	4C rising toward 10C	7C to locally 10C west. Feeling close to freezing directly in wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 1 May, 2024

High pressure to the north and a slow-moving area of low pressure circulating to the south during midweek. Scattered showers possible for the Highlands, but a lot of dry weather - warmest and clearest in the west. Powerful easterly winds will be very gusty by Thursday into early Friday, especially southern Scotland and northern England, then easing. A front brings a risk of persistent rain for Wales on Thursday. Slow-moving weather patterns are likely to continue onward into the Bank Holiday weekend, giving considerable uncertainty of local day-to-day detail, but most likely the wind often light and fairly warm overall. A good amount of dry and bright weather, but risk of locally thundery showers forming.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Monday, 29 April, 2024

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