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Brecon Beacons

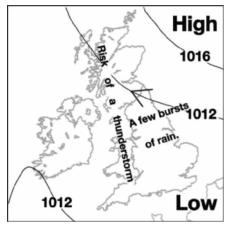




Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.

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General Summary for Tuesday, 21 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 21 May, 2024

Extensively dry with light wind. However, as cloud builds sunshine will tend to give way from southeast and here and there bursts of rain are likely. It will be warm, particularly on summits near the west coast, where scattered thunderstorms giving localised torrential rain.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Extensive sunshine morning. Risk thunderstorm afternoon.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 21 May, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Direction varied, 10mph or less - virtually calm on some summits. Negligible	
Effect of wind on you?		
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk thunderstorms One or two brief bursts of rain, mostly afternoon onwards, and in west Wales, risk of thunderstorms giving heavy or torrential rain.	
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any Summits all or almost all constantly cloud free. Nevertheless, fog likely to form on both lower and higher slopes in and after rain.	
Chance of cloud free summits?	Almost certain	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Often sunny morning, but increasingly high cloud layers then weakening the sun. Visibility mostly excellent.	
How Cold? (at 750m)	8C at dawn, lifting to 14C by mid afternoon.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits	

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Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 22 May	Thursday 23 May
How windy? (On the summits)	Northerly, gradually strengthening from 15mph after dawn, to 25 or 30mph evening.	Northwest or westerly between 15 and perhaps 25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	As wind strengthens will increasingly impede ease of walking on higher areas and wind chill will become considerable.	Fairly small.
How wet?	Occasional rain, mainly east Wales	A few showers
(Precipitation and its impact)	Confidence low: Bursts of rain, possibly heavy and thundery, although west Wales (particularly SW) may well remain substantially dry.	Small risk of rain at first, most likely mid Wales. Otherwise risk of one or two showers.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive on higher tops	Clearing most or all summits
	Cloud base rising through morning; by late morning, fragments here and there on higher slopes but most summits cloud free. In rain will deteriorate, as cloud forms widely above 500m, locally much lower.	Cloud may blanket the mountains widely post dawn. The cloud base will rise, very likely clearing above 750m during morning, and then clearing highest tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patches of sunshine, mainly SW Wales; mid Wales may well be cloudy. Hazy, and visibility deteriorating markedly where raining.	Patches of sun, most widely SW Wales and Cambrian range in the afternoon. Visibility extensively very good or excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	10C	Between 5 and 8C
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 22 May, 2024

Low confidence on Wednesday and particularly Thursday. On Wednesday areas of thundery rain become increasingly widespread, although most or perhaps all of Wales will escape. By Thursday, there is uncertainty in positioning a north to south band of rain. It is most likely to be centred over eastern Britain, but edge away east only slowly. Beyond, after dry weather into the weekend, southerly winds will strengthen ahead of rain coming in off the Atlantic (again timing of this uncertain).

Forecast issued at 15:26 on Monday, 20 May, 2024

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