

Brecon Beacons

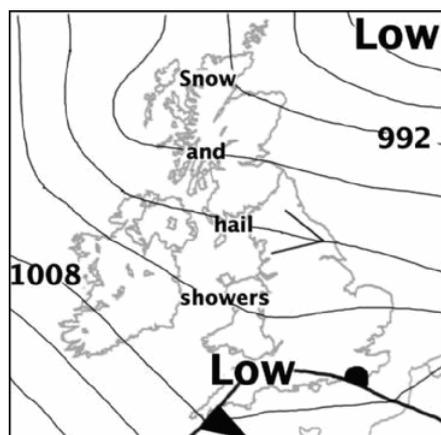
Also includes all higher summits in southern half of Wales.



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General Summary for Thursday, 12 January, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 January, 2017

Upland gales ease temporarily, although in Wales a marked lull before winds abruptly strengthen in afternoon. Widespread snow and hail showers will penetrate to valleys, although across Wales, an area of rain affecting mainly the south will turn to snow before easing.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Rain, turning to snow. Hail and snow showers afternoon, risk thunder.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 12 January, 2017

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwest veering northwesterly; 15 to 25mph for several hours, then abruptly from northwest in afternoon 35 to perhaps 45mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small but abruptly walking becoming arduous in afternoon.
How wet?	Snow and hail, mainly morning. Lightning. Rain, or particularly mid-Wales, snow higher areas incessant for 2 to 4 hours morning. Before clearing from northwest will change to snow to lower slopes, possibly even some valleys, particularly mid-Wales. By afternoon sudden hail and snow showers; thunder in some areas.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive; quickly changing base In snow, cloud likely to blanket the hills, widely from lower slopes up. Will improve markedly as conditions turn showers. The cloud will often clear the summits, although form temporarily in and after showers.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20% rising to 70%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bursts of sunshine. Varied visibility: a haze, and appalling visibility where in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 or -1C dropping, perhaps abruptly, to -3C
Freezing Level	700m or above most or all morning (lowest mid-Wales); then dropping from north by about midday to 450m.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Friday 13 January	Saturday 14 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 35 to 50mph; least wind afternoon.	Northwesterly tending to drop from west from 30 to perhaps 35mph to 25-30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult walking conditions and significant wind chill on higher areas.	Walking arduous on higher areas, although conditions will tend to improve.
How wet?	Snow and hail showers Expect hail and snow showers, albeit for much of day, showers well scattered.	Risk snow showers Isolated snow showers or flurries mid-Wales and west of Brecon. The precipitation may become a little more extensive afternoon. Rain below 300m post dawn and by dusk 550m.
Cloud on the hills?	Occasionally covering higher tops Cloud base will vary, bringing cloud below 600m near showers. Nevertheless, periods when little cloud below 1000m.	Summits often cloud free Overall, cloud rare below 800m and often confined above the summits. However, gradually in the afternoon cloud above 750m, occasionally 500m may spread slowly eastwards.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%	60%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine intermittently. The air often very clear, but anticipate appalling visibility in snow and cloud.	Sunshine fairly extensive morning; may then turn cloudy from west. Frequently excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-2C.	-3C rising toward -1C or 0C.
Freezing Level	500m.	350m, rising to 700m from west.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 13 January, 2017**

Widespread snow across the mountains through to the weekend and most terrain will be frozen, except for lower slopes in Wales.

Temperatures will tend to rise from the west over the weekend.

Substantially dry next week; summits may for periods be above freezing point, but latest evidence suggests under high pressure thaw will be slow. Highest risk of rain will be on the NW Highlands.

Forecast issued at 12:40 on Wednesday, 11 January, 2017

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