

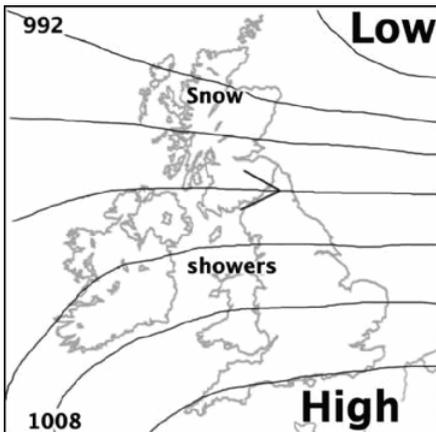
# Brecon Beacons

Also includes all higher summits in southern half of Wales.



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## General Summary for Tuesday, 21 March, 2017



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 21 March, 2017**

Very cold showery westerly winds will by dawn have brought fresh snow to lower slopes or valleys, the precipitation heaviest western mountains. Widespread upland gales although through the day will ease. In Wales, winds less strong, but threat gales and snow by dusk.

### Headline for Brecon Beacons

Snow showers; risk constant precipitation & upland gales by dusk.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 21 March, 2017

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	West backing southerly. Typically 25-30mph, but a lull afternoon to 20mph. Before or about dusk very likely rapid strengthening from west toward 50, perhaps 60mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Mostly fairly small until about dusk when walking will quickly become very difficult.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Snow and hail showers.</b> Occasional hail and snow showers. Snow will lie on some lower slopes morning. Showers temporarily few afternoon, but high risk constant snow toward or after dark.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Summits often cloud free. May lower markedly toward dusk</b> Cloud base occasionally below 500m near showers, but often cloud confined to or above highest summits, particularly afternoon. Toward dusk anticipate rapid deterioration as cloud lowers to shroud the hills from west, particularly so areas south of Brecon.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>80%, dropping toward dusk to 30%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Patchwork of sunshine will give way from west afternoon. Visibility frequently excellent, but suddenly very poor in cloud and snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	-2C but will rise slowly through day.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Typically 500m rising toward 800m by late afternoon.

## Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 22 March	Thursday 23 March
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Low confidence of detail: Northeasterly or variable, ranging between 10-20 and perhaps 30-40mph.  <b>May be small, but risk of considerable buffeting and wind chill.</b>	Low confidence in forecast: Northerly; risk 40 to perhaps 50mph west Wales but perhaps less than 25mph elsewhere.  <b>Widespread considerable buffeting on higher areas in morning, but conditions will improve.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Showers; snow, hail &amp; thunder</b>  Overnight snow should clear eastward, leaving showers of snow and hail, risk locally frequent. Rain lower slopes. Risk of thunder.	<b>Showery</b>  Areas of rain or snow higher tops may affect west Wales. Otherwise, showers, mainly afternoon, of snow or hail higher tops. Small risk thunder.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Breaks to some high tops</b>  Varied: patches locally persistent above 700-800m, or lower near showers, but breaks to higher summits.	<b>Covering most summits all day</b>  Cloud may shroud western hills extensively from dawn, although through day the base will tend to rise. Highest base will be east Wales, where by afternoon most summits will be cloud free.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Patches of sunshine. The air often very clear away from showers, but visibility suddenly reduced around showers.	Sunshine mainly east Wales. Fog widespread higher areas: appalling visibility where in cloud and snow but otherwise often excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	-1 to 1C	-1C morning; will rise slowly through day.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	600 to 800m.	650m, rising to above the summits by mid-afternoon.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 22 March, 2017

Cold conditions with snow on many mountains mid-week. A major change to dry and by the weekend much warmer weather will occur as a large area of high pressure then builds across Scotlan. Temporarily around Friday there may be a little rain on the northern NW Highlands. Overall though, dry for several days on all mountain areas. Temperatures will become very warm for March, particularly across the Scottish Highlands, although with frequently cloudless skies, night frost will occur in valleys.

### Forecast issued at 13:28 on Monday, 20 March, 2017

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