

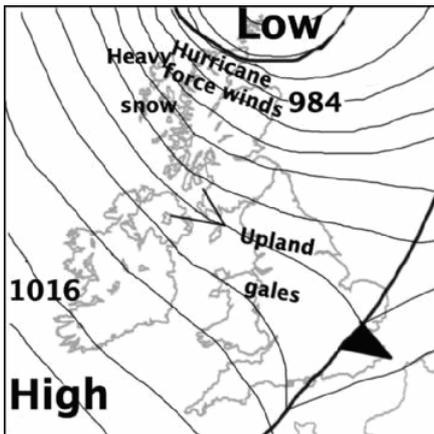
Brecon Beacons

Also includes all higher summits in southern half of Wales.



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General Summary for Thursday, 7 December, 2017



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 7 December, 2017

Exceptionally severe Scottish Highlands: storm or hurricane force upland winds (strongest N/E), considerable snow (centred western hills) giving sustained whiteout. Upland gales elsewhere and progressively dropping temperature will result in showers being increasingly of snow.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Upland gales. Showers, of snow higher tops.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 7 December, 2017

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking often difficult across the hills, and significant wind chill.
How wet?	Risk snow showers, mainly afternoon. Overnight rain will have cleared by dawn. A few brief showers will follow, mainly afternoon, increasingly falling as snow on higher slopes.
Cloud on the hills?	Occasionally covering higher tops. Cloud bases oscillating as showers pass, although most summits extensively cloud free, although into the afternoon, cloud increasingly forming near showers below 650m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Patchwork of sunshine, most widely east Wales. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Dropping progressively through day; down to 1C by dusk. Will feel as cold as minus 12 Celsius directly in the wind before dusk.
Freezing Level	Above the summits until dusk, then progressively dropping.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Friday 8 December	Saturday 9 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 35-45mph.	Northwesterly 20 to 25mph. Marginal decrease in speed during daylight.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking difficult with significant buffeting at times across higher areas and severe wind chill.	Fairly small.
How wet?	Snow showers, frequent in west Snow and hail showers, mostly west of Brecon to Llandrindod. Very few, most likely flurries will reach the Black Mountains. Snow will lie except in valleys.	Snow showers Snow showers or flurries, but very few reaching summits north from Black Mountains.
Cloud on the hills?	Varying bases through the day. Cloud bases will tend to vary markedly through the day as showers come and go. Periods where hills are clear, perhaps briefly hills near and west of Brecon. However, during snow showers, fog suddenly from lower slopes up.	Intermittently shrouding higher tops Continually changing cloud base: near showers, shafts of cloud higher slopes, but often clearing the hills completely.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70%	70%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bursts of bright sunshine between the snow showers. Air very clear with excellent visibilities, but suddenly becoming very poor in snow	Bright sunshine, most frequently east Wales. The air very clear - but sudden a drops in visibility near showers.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-3 or -4C.	-2C
Freezing Level	Almost all terrain frozen from valleys or just above valleys up.	Most terrain frozen. Partial thawing lowest sunlit slopes.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 8 December, 2017**

Cold throughout the next 10 days, although across mainly Wales, incursions of warmer air will bring freeze thaw cycles to higher areas. Elsewhere, upland areas substantially frozen. Centres of low pressure will track southeast across Britain bringing bouts of sustained snowfall (although not areas will get these). Between areas of fine clear air with light winds, but locally windy with clusters of snow showers near some coasts.

Forecast issued at 7:14 on Thursday, 7 December, 2017

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