

Brecon Beacons

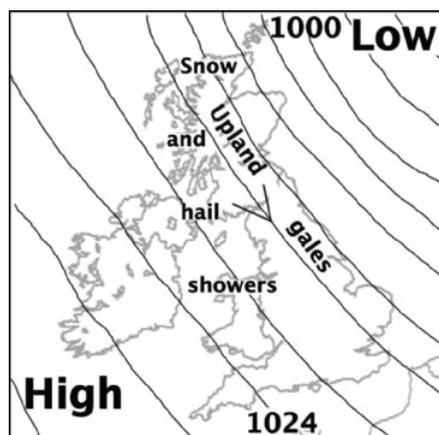
Also includes all higher summits in southern half of Wales.



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General Summary for Friday, 8 December, 2017



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 8 December, 2017

Widespread upland northwesterly gales will bring bitterly cold air to all mountain areas. Snow will be frequent many western mountains and in northern Scotland. Elsewhere, only a few flurries.

Nearly all terrain will be frozen, although not lower slopes in Wales.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Upland gales or near gales. Risk snow flurries. Higher terrain frozen.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 8 December, 2017

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 35-45mph; strongest near showers.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous on higher areas. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Snow showers; very few SE Wales Snow and hail showers, mostly west of Brecon to Llandrindod. Very few, most likely only rare flurries Black Mountains. Snow will lie except lowest slopes.
Cloud on the hills?	Most summits cloud free. Cloud often confined above the summits, but near precipitation fragments below 650m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	90%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bursts of bright sunshine west of Brecon to extensive sun east Wales. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-3C.
Freezing Level	Almost all terrain frozen or partly frozen from valleys up, although by afternoon partial thawing up to 450m.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 9 December	Sunday 10 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 20 to 25mph. Marginal decrease in speed during daylight.	Low confidence in this forecast: Direction varied, up to 40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small.	Walking may for at least part of the day be difficult.
How wet?	Snow showers Snow showers or flurries, but very few reaching summits north from Black Mountains.	Extensive rain or snow Precipitation, starting before dawn, may well fall most of daylight. Across S Wales (areas most or less south of Brecon). it may well be almost all rain, except higher tops. Northwards, increasingly threat snow from lower slopes up.
Cloud on the hills?	Intermittently shrouding higher tops Continually changing cloud base: near showers, shafts of cloud higher slopes, but often clearing the hills completely.	Extensive High risk of blanket fog across the mountains above a few hundred metres.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70%	10%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Bright sunshine, most frequently east Wales. The air very clear - but sudden a drops in visibility near showers.	Sunshine unlikely. Excellent or superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-2C	0 to -2C, coldest mid-Wales
Freezing Level	Most terrain frozen. Partial thawing lowest sunlit slopes.	Terrain largely frozen from valleys up mid-Wales. There may be a thaw to higher slopes S Wales.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 9 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 across Britain bringing bouts of sustained upland snowfall (although not all areas will get these). Between, often fine with clear air and light winds.

Forecast issued at 12:14 on Thursday, 7 December, 2017

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