

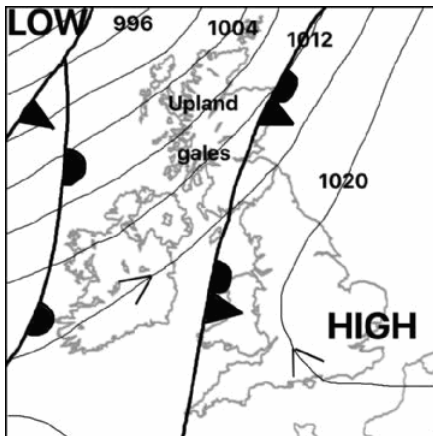
Brecon Beacons

Also includes all higher summits in southern half of Wales.



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General Summary for Sunday, 14 January, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 January, 2018

Upland gales soon developing across Scotland with heavy rain/upland snow arriving across the west/northwest Highlands in the afternoon. Elsewhere, a weak front will lie from eastern/southern Scotland into west Wales, bringing low cloud and patchy rain/snow. Eastern Wales and the southern Pennines, many hills clear above valley fog.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Extensive hill fog in west. Fog mainly confined to valleys further east.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 14 January, 2018

How windy? (On the summits)	South to southwesterly, 10mph - strengthening after dark.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible during daylight.
How wet?	Risk of a little drizzle A little drizzle, mostly or only areas south and west of Brecon.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive in west, clearer elsewhere Fog from lower slopes up very persistent across western hills. Elsewhere, many hills often clear with banks of fog confined to the valleys. In mid-Wales, confidence low: fog some valleys and summits, but some areas cloud free.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% in west, 60% in east.
Sunshine and air clarity?	Patches of sun mostly mid and east Wales, in some areas above fog. General haze, although visibility excellent where above cloud.
How Cold? (at 750m)	3C
Freezing Level	Above the summits, but some terrain frozen after a frost.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Monday 15 January	Tuesday 16 January
How windy? (On the summits)	At dawn southwesterly 55mph; soon veering westerly 30-35mph.	Westerly in the range 35-50mph. Sudden gustiness/squalls to valley level near showers.
Effect of wind on you?	Will impede ease of walking on higher areas (after difficult walking conditions overnight and just into daylight).	Walking will be arduous, to at times difficult, with significant buffeting and severe wind chill.
How wet?	Snow and hail showers increasingly Overnight rain will continue into the morning, perhaps finishing as snow across higher tops, before clearing to the east; this may take until the afternoon. Showers will then eventually follow, snow falling above 450m	Snow and hail showers, frequent in west. Snow and hail showers, often heavy and coming in one after another giving intermittent whiteout. Risk thunder. Snow will fall and lie from lower slopes up with sleet confined to valley bottoms.
Cloud on the hills?	Intermittently shrouding higher areas Fog across the hills in the morning clearing into the afternoon to leave only shafts of cloud below 550m near showers, whilst frequently fog confined to or mostly above highest summits.	Occasionally shrouding higher tops Rapid changes in cloud base in and out of showers. Cloud briefly down to lower slopes near showers, but often base above 700 to 900m, with summits clearing occasionally, especially across easternmost hills.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	40%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine developing PM, most widely east Wales. Away from precipitation, the air becoming very clear.	Patches of sun between the showers, especially across eastern hills. The air very clear, but visibility suddenly deteriorating to near zero in snow and
How Cold? (at 750m)	3C dropping erratically to 0C during daylight.	-2 to -3C
Freezing Level	Post dawn above summits. The dropping to reach 750m before dusk.	500-600m

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 15 January, 2018**

Almost constant strong cold westerly winds, frequently gale force on the mountains next week, will bring copious snowfall to western mountains, concentrated on the W & NW Highlands. The snow and often hail, will be showery in character, and accumulations will drop progressively eastwards. Temperatures only marginally above freezing point lower slopes Scotland, and frequently below freezing above about 600m England and Wales.

Winds will then veer northerly later in the week, maintaining the low freezing levels.

Forecast issued at 14:28 on Saturday, 13 January, 2018

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