

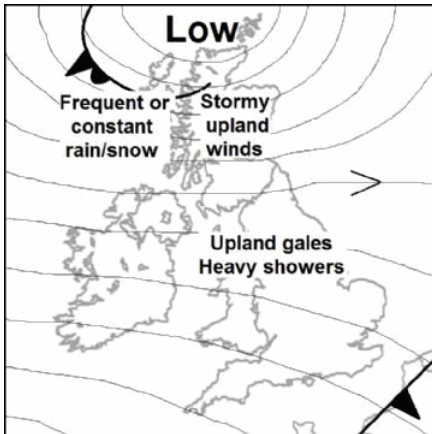
# Brecon Beacons

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## General Summary for Friday, 7 December, 2018



**British Mountain Summary:**  
**Based on forecast chart for noon 7 December, 2018**

A stormy day across the Scottish mountains, and severe upland gales on higher terrain of England & Wales. Sustained periods of heavy snow and whiteout across the W/NW Highlands. Elsewhere sudden heavy showers, of snow, hail or rain lower slopes. Chance of thunder.

**Headline for Brecon Beacons**

Upland gales. Showery bursts; hail, snow high tops.

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 7 December, 2018

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Westerly, 40 to 50mph most or all of daylight, tending to strengthen.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking widely difficult on the hills.</b> <b>Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Showers; snow highest tops; isolated lightning</b> Overnight rain soon clearing away eastwards. Then showers, sometimes frequent west Wales; snow above 700m. Risk hail and thunder.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mostly higher areas</b> Often covering the hills, cloud base varying quickly between showers. Patches below 500m near precipitation but particularly in east Wales intermittently clearing between showers.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief glimpses of sun. Very hazy.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	2C (a little higher post dawn). Where exposed to the wind, will feel close to -13C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits

## Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	<b>Saturday 8 December</b>	<b>Sunday 9 December</b>
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Westerly in the range 40 to 50mph, perhaps easing slightly for an hour or so.	Northwesterly, 30 to 40mph, risk 50mph, particularly early in day.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking frequently arduous on higher areas. Significant wind chill.</b>	<b>Buffeting and significant wind chill where exposed on higher areas. Suddenly gusty around showers.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rain for a few hours</b> Largely or completely dry after dawn. By midday, rain spreading east across Wales, although probably fizzling out again before dusk.	<b>Occasional showers</b> Risk clusters of showers, locally banding together to give frequent rain for a few hours. Possible hail. May fade through day.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Never clearing most summits</b>  Breaks of higher tops morning, mainly east Wales. In rain constant fog forming, widely above 300m west Wales and 500m east Wales.	<b>May persist western tops</b>  Varied: Often covering western hills above 800m, and shafts of cloud below 600m around showers. Brief breaks to higher tops, most common mid-Wales and toward Black Mountains.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	A few glimpses of sun morning, mainly east Wales. Constant haze.	Bursts of sun breaking through, mostly east Wales. Visibility at times very good, but reduced during showers.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	4C rising to 7C	2 to 4C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 8 December, 2018**

Becoming progressively colder and drier through the weekend as winds turn northwesterly. A few areas of snow and hail showers by Sunday, focused toward the north and west, but many areas will see sunshine.

Next week, staying below freezing on the mountains for a number of days, with hard frost in valleys early in week.

Confidence becomes low by midweek, but there is an increasing risk of unsettled conditions coming back in from the Atlantic, with gales and perhaps widespread snow on the mountains.

**Forecast issued at 15:17 on Thursday, 6 December, 2018**

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