

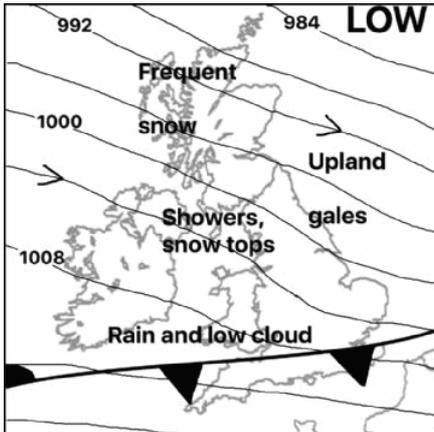
Brecon Beacons

Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales, including highest point in Preseli Hills.



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General Summary for Friday, 15 March, 2019



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 March, 2019

Upland gales will bring difficult conditions across the hills with significant/severe wind chill. Frequent snow/hail showers will drive across Scotland through the day, risk thunder in north. Further south, extensive low cloud and rain will edge south to become largely confined to south Wales in afternoon. Showers following to north England, snow on tops.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Upland gales/significant chill. Rain much of the day. Extensive low cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 15 March, 2019

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly in the range 40 to 60mph. Will ease to 25-30mph later in the afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking widely arduous or difficult with significant buffeting and wind chill. Conditions easing later in afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk rain much of the day Persistent rain from dawn, risk heavy for several hours. May slowly fade later in the afternoon, but rarely fully ceasing on western hills. Very wet underfoot; risk local flooding.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive much of the day Shrouding the hills extensively during rain, from lower slopes up toward west coast. Rare breaks to 600m or above, mostly confined toward Black Mountains.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare if any sun. A general haze, and visibility reduced significantly by rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	4 to 6C, may lower to 2C by late afternoon. Feeling closer to -13C in direct exposure to the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 16 March	Sunday 17 March
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Low confidence: Southwesterly 40-60mph, becoming northwesterly 15-25mph later in the day. Walking likely arduous or difficult for much of the day with significant wind chill.	Northwesterly 25-30mph. Will impede walking at times across higher areas with significant wind chill and marked buffeting.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain much of the day, heaviest in the west Rain through much of the day. Persistent and often heavy in the west where conditions very wet underfoot. Rain will ease at times across east Wales. Rain clearing to showers by late afternoon, these falling as snow above 500m.	Occasional hail and snow showers. Occasional snow and hail showers through the day, perhaps frequent for a time west of Brecon. Increasingly rain below 600m in the afternoon. Risk of isolated lightning.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Cloud is likely to be extensive across the hills for much of the day; to lowers lopes across western hills. However, some fleeting breaks to tops across East Wales.	Good breaks to tops, lowering in snow. Cloud bases varying: briefly below 500-600m near precipitation, but generally well scattered cloud with bases more typically around 800-900m or above and thus affording good breaks to highest tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare, if any, glimpses of sun; mainly in the east. Visibility mostly poor due to low cloud and rain, but at times good in the east.	Occasional sunshine. Visibility often very good or excellent, but becoming very poor in snow.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	5C, lowering to -1C by late afternoon. Above the summits, but lowering to 700m by late afternoon.	-3C, lifting to 0C by the end of the day. 400-500m at first, lifting to 800m by end of the day.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 16 March, 2019**

Despite significant uncertainties on track, an area of low pressure will move in on Saturday with bring widespread precipitation, low cloud and upland gales across many hills. Snow is expected to fall across higher parts of the North Pennines/Lakes for a time, but more widely, and to low levels, across the Southern Uplands and later central/southern Highlands. By Sunday, northwest winds will bring snow showers across many hills, increasingly rain to lower slopes through day. Largely fine on Monday, but low cloud and rain will reach western hills late on. This will then herald a change to milder, cloudier and across Scotland damp conditions through the middle of the week with a period of sustained thaw.

Forecast issued at 16:37 on Thursday, 14 March, 2019

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