

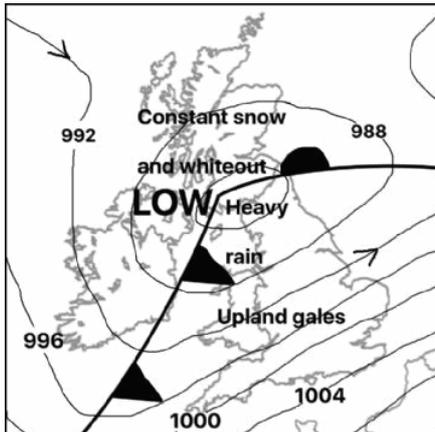
# Brecon Beacons

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



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## General Summary for Saturday, 16 March, 2019



**British Mountain Summary:**  
**Based on forecast chart for noon 16 March, 2019**

Scotland: Widespread snow spreading north with sustained whiteout developing and significant accumulations. Snow turning to rain to high tops in far south for a time.

England/Wales: Severe gales, heavy rain and low cloud. Snow for a time across N Pennines/Lakes at first and again by evening.

**Headline for Brecon Beacons**

Severe gales/wind chill with persistent rain and extensive hill fog.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 16 March, 2019

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly 55 to 70mph, becoming westerly 35 to 50mph in evening.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Very difficult walking conditions, where exposed on higher areas, any mobility difficult. Severe wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Rain much of the day, heaviest in the west.</b> Rain through much of the day. Persistent and often heavy in the west where conditions very wet underfoot with local flooding. Rain clearing to showers into the evening, these falling as snow above 500m, upper terrain becoming widely icy underfoot.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive all day, some breaks in east.</b> Cloud will shroud the hills extensively in fog throughout the day. Bases generally around 300-500m across western hills and 500-800m in the east where some fleeting breaks may occur at times to higher tops.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>10% in west, 40% in the east.</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare, if any, glimpses of sun in the east. Visibility mostly poor due to low cloud and rain, but at times good in the east.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	5C, lowering to -2C in the evening. Feeling closer to -16C in direct exposure to wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits, but lowering abruptly to 600-700m into the evening with higher terrain becoming widely icy.

## Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 17 March	Monday 18 March
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Northwesterly 25-30mph.  <b>Will impede walking at times across higher areas with significant wind chill and marked buffeting.</b>	Northwesterly 25 to locally 30mph at first, but soon becoming westerly and easing to 15mph or less.  <b>May impede walking across higher areas for a few hours around dawn with marked wind chill. Otherwise, mostly small.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Occasional hail and snow showers.</b> 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.	<b>No precipitation expected.</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Good breaks to tops, lowering in snow.</b>  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.  <b>60%</b>	<b>Generally very little</b>  Hills largely clear through the day, other than a few patches across higher tops now and again. However, risk towards dusk of low cloud capping hills west of Brecon.  <b>70%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine.  Visibility often very good or excellent, but becoming very poor in snow.	Occasional sunshine, clouding over from west later.  Visibility very good or excellent.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	-3C, lifting to 0C by the end of the day.  400-500m at first, lifting to 800m by end of the day.	-1C lifting to 1C.  700m lifting to 900m.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 17 March, 2019**

On Sunday, north to northwesterly winds will bring hail and snow showers across many hills, increasingly rain to lower slopes through day, with risk of local thunder. Largely fine on Monday, but low cloud and patchy rain/summit snow will reach western Scotland late on. This will then herald a change to milder, cloudier and at times damp conditions across Scotland with a period of sustained thaw. Higher pressure across England and Wales into the middle of the week will result in largely dry conditions here with lighter winds, although low cloud will affect western hills at times.

**Forecast issued at 16:36 on Friday, 15 March, 2019**

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