

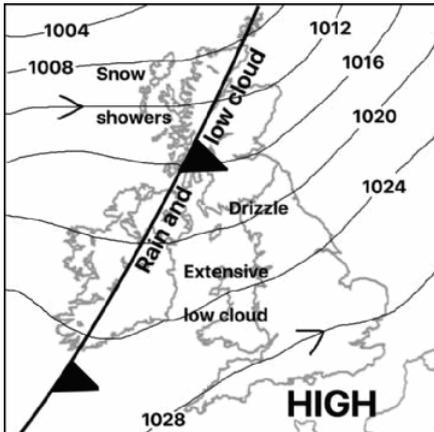
Brecon Beacons

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



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General Summary for Friday, 22 March, 2019



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 22 March, 2019

Southwest winds; gale force across Lakes/N Pennines/S Uplands and storm force over the Highlands. Extensive low cloud across the hills with patches of drizzle ahead of a cold front that will push southeast through the day bringing a period of heavier rain to all hills. Colder air into Scotland later with snow showers in west.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Extensive hill fog, local breaks in east. Isolated drizzle in the west.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 22 March, 2019

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly, 20 to 30mph, may strengthen further later in day.
Effect of wind on you?	Will impede walking at times across higher areas with some buffeting.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Isolated fine drizzle in the west Isolated patches of drizzle, mostly focused on western hills. Dry across east Wales. Steadier rain developing into the evening as a cold front arrives from the northwest.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Widely covering the hills, at times from lower slopes up west and south of Brecon. Bases may lift a little, with breaks to 600m or above mostly toward Black Mountains.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20-40%; highest in the east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare glimpses of sun, mostly east Wales. Visibility generally reduced by drizzle, but locally good east Wales.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Around 5C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 23 March	Sunday 24 March
How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly 10-20mph.	Northwesterly 10-15mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small.	Small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Isolated rain/drizzle, mainly afternoon. Low confidence on position on an old front: Risk of a few patches of drizzle; most likely in the afternoon as the weak front drifts back north across the area.	No precipitation expected
Cloud on the hills?	Risk of low cloud extending north Many hills perhaps clear for several hours, although some patches at times on highest tops. However, risk of low cloud extending north across the area in the afternoon to shrouding hills fairly extensively in fog.	Very little morning, forming higher tops PM. Very little cloud on the hills in the morning. During the afternoon, patches will increasingly form across higher tops; mainly hills near and west of Brecon.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy. Visibility good, but becoming poor should drizzle develop.	Sunny periods, may becoming cloudier during the afternoon. Visibility very good or excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Around 2C	0C lifting to 2C
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	800m, lifting above tops, but frost in the valleys at dawn.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 23 March, 2019**

Colder conditions over the weekend with freezing levels ranging between 700 and 1000m. Snow or hail showers focused on W Scotland, becoming increasingly frequent through Sunday when another swathe of gales will affect the Highlands. Drier elsewhere, with just a few showers; these mainly across the Lakes and E Scotland.

Into next week, higher pressure will extend across the UK bringing a period of quieter weather with lighter winds and occasional sunshine. Temperatures slowly rising by day, although frosts forming in the valleys/glens at night. Weak fronts may edge into W Scotland at times introducing some low cloud and drizzle here for a time.

Forecast issued at 16:36 on Thursday, 21 March, 2019

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