

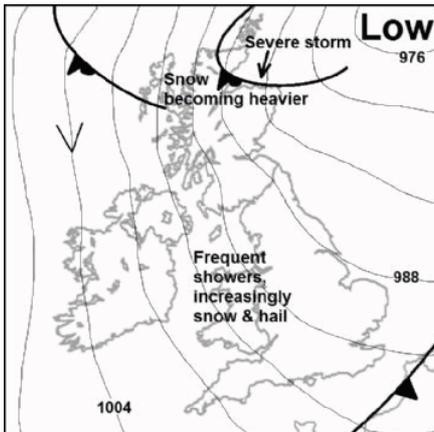
Brecon Beacons

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



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General Summary for Friday, 26 November, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 26 November, 2021

A severe storm moves into Scotland from the north. Mountain gales strengthening to hurricane-force afternoon into evening. Snow setting in heavier in the north, falling to increasingly lower levels and spreading further south later. Frequent heavy showers for Wales with hail, risk thunder. Drier S Scotland & N England with some sun.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Upland gales. Showery, hail, later increasingly snow tops.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 26 November, 2021

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 45mph, reaching 60mph from dusk. Sudden strong gusts, particularly near precipitation.
Effect of wind on you?	Significant wind chill and very difficult walking conditions, including sudden ferocious gusts - these reaching lower slopes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery: snow increasingly higher tops A mix of showery periods, and most likely morning an hour or so when precipitation almost constant - progressively turning to snow, later above 600m. Hail, and small risk thunder west Wales.
Cloud on the hills?	Very extensive Cloud extensively shrouding the hills, the base changing quickly from 300 to 550m near precipitation, lowest west Wales. Breaks, often fleeting, to 700m, although sometimes higher Brecon Beacons and Black Mountains.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sun mainly south and east Wales. Visibility often good, but abruptly very poor near precipitation.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C, will drop marginally through the day. Wind chill -12C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits in morning, but will start lowering in afternoon, toward 700m after sunset, nearer 500-600m overnight.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 27 November	Sunday 28 November
How windy? (On the summits)	Northerly 40 to 50mph.	Northerly 20 to 30mph, risk 40mph for a time, tending to lessen.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult conditions. Considerable buffeting on lower slopes; at times general mobility difficult on tops. Severe wind chill.	Significant wind chill. Considerable buffeting for periods on higher tops.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow showers Snow showers or flurries from time to time, mainly mid Wales and perhaps Preseli where threat constant snow over a few hours.	Most places dry A band of showers over the Irish Sea may affect Preseli hills, with snow above about 400m, sometimes lower if constant.
Cloud on the hills?	Summits often cloud free Occasionally cloud below 500m but often cloud base near or above higher tops. Threat cloud below 350m Preseli.	Little if any Occasional patches capping higher slopes, but many tops frequently clear.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine mid Wales; patchwork of sun South Wales. Visibility often very good.	Mostly sunny, locally cloudier toward west. Superb visibility, but locally poor if in showers in far west.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-2C. Wind chill as cold as -15C.	-2C. Wind chill as cold as -15C.
Freezing Level	450 to 600m, lowest in morning.	600m. Soon frosty into valleys from sunset.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 27 November, 2021**

Very cold this weekend with northerly gales or storm-force winds. Severe wind chill conditions on higher mountains on Saturday. Easing gradually from the west into Sunday. Snow showers focused on north-facing mountains, sometimes frequent or merging to constant falls for a few hours. Areas of sunshine and clear air away from showers.

Next week, west to northwesterly winds prevail. Precipitation frequent, with further bouts of upland gales or severe gales. Temperature will vary, lifting above freezing to highest summits early in the week. Colder again by midweek, then cycles of freeze & thaw are likely into next weekend, although mountains in England & Wales only temporarily sub-zero.

Forecast issued at 14:54 on Thursday, 25 November, 2021

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