

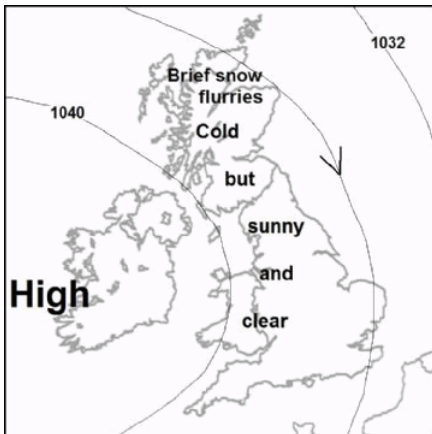
Brecon Beacons

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



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General Summary for Thursday, 20 January, 2022



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 20 January, 2022

A cold day, much terrain frozen, including frost in sheltered valleys. Brisk N-NW'ly winds, up to gale force on eastern tops in the morning, giving significant chill factor on higher areas. A few snow flurries in northern Scotland, but most places dry with sunshine and most hills free of low cloud.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Cold, breezy tops. Dry, hills clear, sunshine.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 20 January, 2022

How windy? (On the summits)	Northerly 15 to 20mph, at times 25mph in the morning.
Effect of wind on you?	May impede walking at times across higher slopes with considerable wind chill, especially in the morning.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No precipitation expected One or two brief showers may graze westernmost Pembrokeshire. Otherwise dry.
Cloud on the hills?	None expected Hills are expected to be widely clear through the day.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Greater than 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-2 or -3C, little change all day. Wind chill as cold as -10C in the strongest winds.
Freezing Level	Around 600m, but also frost in many valleys in morning, thawing on lower sunlit slopes.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Friday 21 January	Saturday 22 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 10 to 20mph.	West to northwest or variable, 10-15mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small, but locally may be gusty on some slopes.	Mostly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation not expected	Precipitation not expected
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly very little Local patches of cloud may drift around some slopes, mostly west Wales, although higher summits likely to poke out above the cloud.	Low level fog banks, tops likely clear Banks of low cloud clinging to some slopes, plus fog in some valleys. Fragments may drift around some hills near coasts, but most higher summits likely to be clear above an inversion.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%	80% (above fog in places)
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Areas of sunshine and broken cloud. Possible fog patches some lower areas, otherwise visibility excellent.	Areas of mist lower elevations, but most tops likely sunny in very clear air.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1C, tending to rise slowly to 1C.	Around 2C, but near or just below 0C some hills early morning and if in fog.
Freezing Level	Frost most inland valleys from dawn, much mountain terrain staying frozen all day. Partial thawing lower sunlit slopes.	Close to freezing point some higher slopes, terrain frozen or partly frozen on many hills. Also frost many valleys.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 21 January, 2022

High pressure extends back across Britain later this week to become centred over England and Wales into the weekend and next week, allowing westerly winds to influence Scotland. Temperatures will drift back above freezing point on most hills from Friday, although some western slopes will stay close to zero where in cloud banks. Inversion conditions varied from day to day, with high tops lying above or sometimes between cloud layers. Frost in some valleys, less so in the north & west. Mostly small amounts of precipitation in the week ahead. Where snow exists on high tops, beware of compacted hard snow and ice. Strongest winds toward the northern Highlands, at times gale force and very gusty.

Forecast issued at 15:17 on Wednesday, 19 January, 2022

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