

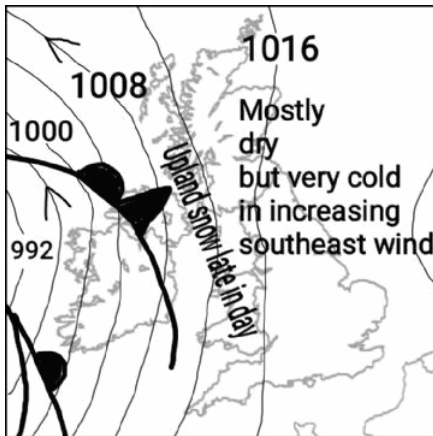
# Brecon Beacons

Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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## General Summary for Wednesday, 6 December, 2023



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 6 December, 2023**

After a hard frost, mostly dry and bright, but feeling increasingly bitterly cold as southeasterly winds strengthen and cloud thicken through the day ahead of a front, which will bring an increasing risk of upland snowfall, in across western mountains toward evening, and then spreading to all parts overnight.

### Headline for Brecon Beacons

Early sun, then overcast. Bitter chill as winds strengthen. Rain/snow tops later.

## Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 6 December, 2023

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southeasterly, strengthening from southwest from around 30-35mph after dawn to 40 to locally 50mph afternoon.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking increasingly difficult, in places on lower slopes, and feeling bitterly cold as wind chill becomes significant.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Dry until late afternoon, then periods of rain, temporarily snow.</b> Dry for much of daylight, but fronts will bring persistent rain, although particularly mid Wales, initially snow., from mid to late afternoon. The change to rain will tend to occur fairly abruptly into the evening.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Persistent fog from most lower slopes up</b> Summits likely to start cloud free in the morning. Will deteriorate in afternoon with cloud base lowering extensively to 300m or lower as rain/snow arrives, although breaks above 450 Cambrian mountains.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>70% lowering later in afternoon to 10%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Early sun, but soon overcast as cloud thickens. Appalling or near zero visibility in the upland snow that arrives late in the afternoon.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	0 or -1C (only a degree or so warmer in valleys) post dawn; rising to 1C from southwest. Will feel as cold as minus 15C directly in the wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	450 to 700m; a transition to above the summits will extend slowly from southwest.

## Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 7 December	Friday 8 December
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Very turbulent conditions developing. Southeasterly, later southerly, winds; lifting through day to 50 to 70mph.  <b>Be prepared for increasingly very difficult conditions, as turbulent and very powerful winds accelerate over the mountains.</b>	Southerly 45 to 65mph at first, but as low tracks in, winds will veer southwesterly and ease 25 to 40mph, maybe less.  <b>Be prepared for difficult conditions with significant wind chill and buffeting. Slowly moderate into the afternoon.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Frequent rain, heavy at times.</b>  Frequent spells of rain and drizzle through the day. May become heavy or intense later in the day as an active front moves in, perhaps with local thunder.	<b>Frequent, at times heavy, rainfall.</b>  Low pressure will drive frequent, and at times heavy, rainfall into the area through the day. Setting in at times in the west.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Very extensive</b>  Hills widely shrouded in fog all day from lowest slopes upwards.	<b>Extensive</b>  Extensive hill fog through the day, and at times forming from lower slopes upwards.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Less than 10%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast.  Poor or very poor visibilities.	Little if any sun.  Visibility often poor due to rain.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	4C, Feeling closer to -14C in exposure to the wind.  Above the summits, but ground from mid slopes up, still partially frozen, with slow-continued thaw.	Around 4C, but feeling more like -10C or below in direct exposure to the strongest winds.  Above the summits, with upper level terrain continuing to thaw out. windy

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 7 December, 2023

Unsettled conditions will prevail over the next week to 10 days, with periods of upland gales or severe gales with precipitation frequent, mostly rain, although intermittently snow Scottish Highlands, more rarely elsewhere. Driest conditions (relative to the average) will likely be in the northwest Highlands, given the often backed flow, as the low pressure areas track in.

### Forecast issued at 16:28 on Tuesday, 5 December, 2023

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