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Brecon Beacons

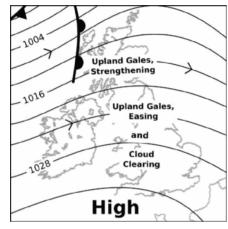




Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.

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General Summary for Friday, 26 January, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 26 January, 2024

Highlands: Upland gales getting stronger through the day. Snow and hail on and off all day along the west coast but mostly dry in the east. England, Wales & Southern Uplands: Upland gales tending to ease and becoming dry with only very isolated showers. Many summits cloud free and bursts of sunshine. Remaining cool.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Upland wind. Cloud clearing hills.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 26 January, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly, typically 25 to 35mph. Strongest in the morning. Risk 50mph at dawn in the Cambrian Mountains.	
Effect of wind on you?	Walking comfort reduced and balance affected in the morning. Significant wind chill.	
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk brief showers Overnight rain soon clearing to leave only isolated brief showers.	
Cloud on the hills?	Hills extensively cloud free by midday Patches on higher areas, particularly after dawn and near showers. By late morning or midday, the hills extensively cloud free.	
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine western hills; patchwork of sun elsewhere. Slight haze.	
How Cold? (at 750m)	1C. Feeling around -10C in the wind.	
Freezing Level	Just above summits.	

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Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 27 January	Sunday 28 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 20 to 30mph.	Southwesterly 35 to 45mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking increasingly inconvenienced and clothing noticeably ruffled. At higher speeds, balance just beginning to be affected. Marked wind chill.	Difficult walking with balance and, perhaps, accuracy of foot placements affected. Beware sudden gusts on downwind slopes. Marked wind chill.
How wet?	Mostly dry	Little or no rain
(Precipitation and its impact)	Small risk of drizzle on the Cambrian mountains and southern Bannau Brycheiniog/Brecon Beacons NP.	Risk of isolated pockets of drizzle in places. Will will remain dry well inland. Possible rain by dusk.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive in some areas	Extensive
	Cloud from lower or mid-slopes up on the western Cambrian mountains and southern Brecon Beacons. Further inland to the north and east cloud base will be significantly higher and offer occasional breaks.	Extensive cloud from lower slopes up. Cloud base much higher well inland. Highest summits may clear intermittently.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Weak sunshine at times through high cloud. Hazy, particularly near the coast.	Overcast. Good visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C. Feeling -5 to -10C in the wind.	Around 7C, feeling as cold as -5C in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 27 January, 2024

Total rainfall will be very small in Wales, the Peak District and the southern Pennines over the weekend and beyond. High winds over the weekend will temporarily ease for a day to two early next week. Periods of freezing temperatures will be brief on higher summits away from the Highlands, whilst across the Scottish Highlands, there will be a series of freeze-thaw cycles. Fronts continue to move across the Highlands, particularly the north west.

Forecast issued at 16:20 on Thursday, 25 January, 2024

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