

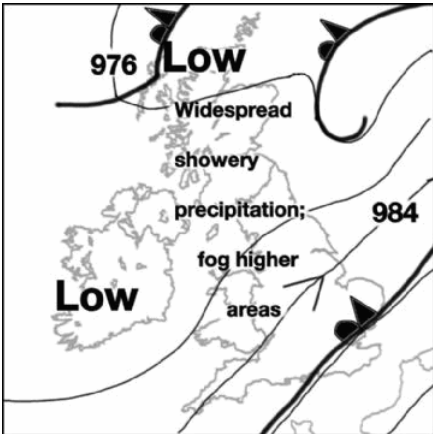
Brecon Beacons

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, 29 March, 2024



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 29 March, 2024
Centres of low pressure will circulate across Britain, bringing areas of rain (snow higher areas, particularly Scotland) which will gradually transition to heavy showers, and extensive fog to the mountains. It will remain cold. However, in Scotland, winds will be light.

Headline for Brecon Beacons
Increasingly windy. Fog higher summits. Heavy showers.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 29 March, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly, 35 to perhaps 40mph on higher tops, after a lull to around 25mph at first.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous and wind chill considerable on exposed higher terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy showers; risk thunder Rain, or above 750m snow, from time to time. Generally a trend toward heavier showery precipitation by afternoon; giving hail and risk thunder. Nevertheless, in places the precipitation persistent for an hour or two.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, patches on lower slopes, particularly west from Brecon Beacons Overall fog very extensive: fragments on lowest slopes, particularly in precipitation. Where dry, cloud base lifting toward 550m; perhaps above the summits in mid Wales.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine coming through occasionally, mainly mid Wales. Visibility good for periods, but abruptly poor in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C; rising marginally during day. Will feel as cold as minus 11C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 30 March	Sunday 31 March
How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly, 15 or 20mph east Wales, perhaps 25mph west Wales.	Southeast or easterly 20-25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small	Fairly small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy showers, mainly afternoon Morning: A few patches of rain (or snow above 650m) lingering into the day, but tending to fizzle out. From about midday: Heavier hail showers extending inland and becoming widespread. Risk isolated thunder.	Showers, mainly afternoon Hail flurries or showers, mainly or only afternoon
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive at first; mostly lifting to or perhaps above higher summits Very varied; some breaks to higher slopes, particularly east Wales afternoon but most mountains foggy, in places from lower slopes up post dawn.	All clearing Patches of some higher slopes after dawn will all clear well before midday.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A few bursts of sunshine and intermittently good visibility. However, visibility abruptly poor in precipitation.	Patchwork of sunshine. Visibility mostly excellent or superb after fog some valleys and lower slopes at first.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	Around 2C after dawn before reaching 5C mid afternoon. Will feel as cold as minus 11C in the wind. Above the summits.	3 rising to 6C. Above the summits, although in valleys slight frost after dawn.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 30 March, 2024

Overall the next week to 10 days will often be cloudy with rain from time to time particularly over England and Wales. However, after widespread hail showers on Saturday, few showers on Sunday (which will also be the warmest day nearly everywhere). Then largely dry Scotland and the Lake District until about Wednesday, but persistent very low cloud (in easterly winds) will shroud all but some western summits in fog. Rain (sometimes snow higher tops) will be more widespread throughout next week Pennines and across Wales.

Forecast issued at 18:00 on Thursday, 28 March, 2024

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