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Brecon Beacons

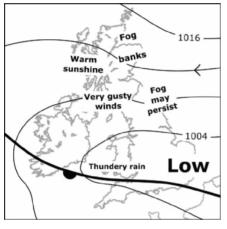




Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.

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General Summary for Thursday, 2 May, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 2 May, 2024

Gusty easterly winds, turbulent near and west of major summits. Very warm for western Scotland with strong sunshine. Fog banks for eastern and central Highlands tending to break up, but may linger for Borders. Mostly dry northern England and Eryri, but thundery rain for south and possibly mid-Wales.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Varied wind, gusty. Heavy bursts of rain, local thunderstorms.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 2 May, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly or variable, 20mph or often less in places, but risk sudden gusts 35mph around bursts of rain.	
Effect of wind on you?	Locally very varied, but possible sudden buffeting making walking arduous in places not just on higher terrain.	
How wet?	Periods of heavy rain, risk thunderstorms	
(Precipitation and its impact)	A slow-moving front over mid and south Wales, giving rain on and off throughout the day - thundery rain toward south from before dawn, may fade for a time. Local thunderstorms redeveloping into afternoon with torrential rain and hail possible, may merge into rain lasting a few hours.	
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive	
	Varied low cloud shrouding many hills during the day, most persistent eastern areas. Filling in extensively around rain, but some periods where cloud largely above hills, best breaks in west.	
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare weak sun due to high cloud layers, mostly overcast and dull. Hazy.	
How Cold? (at 750m)	7C to locally 10C west. Feeling close to freezing directly in wind.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits	

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Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Friday 3 May	Saturday 4 May
How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 10 to 20mph, may increase to 25 to 30mph in the afternoon.	South to southwesterly 10 to 20mph.
Effect of wind on you?	May become increasingly blustery through the day.	Fairly small.
How wet?	Risk of rain much of the day	Likely dry much of daytime
(Precipitation and its impact)	Risk of drizzle or steady rain continuing frequently or persistently through the day.	Chance pockets of fine drizzle if in cloud at first, soon fading. Toward evening, possible thundery rain developing from the south.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive	All clearing
	Risk of low cloud shrouding the hills extensively in fog throughout the day.	Varied banks of cloud on hills and some valley fog at first. Soon dispersing during the morning to leave the hills clear.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	Rising to 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast cloud layers most likely.	Occasional sun with varied high level cloud.
	Visibility often poor should rain set in.	Visibility generally good, possible slight haze, mistier in places at first.
How Cold? (at 750m)	7C	6 to 8C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 3 May, 2024

Slow-moving weather patterns continue into the Bank Holiday weekend as a weak zone of low pressure drifts over the British Isles. There will remain uncertainty of local day-to-day detail, but most likely the wind often light and temperatures generally mild, but less warm than midweek in western Scotland. Low cloud, drizzle and scattered bursts of rain moving from northern England on Friday into the Highlands by Saturday. Then Sunday into Monday, varied zones of heavy showers forming, locally thundery, but some places escaping often dry with broken cloud and sun. High pressure then tends to build from the west into midweek to bring a fair amount of dry weather.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Wednesday, 1 May, 2024

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