

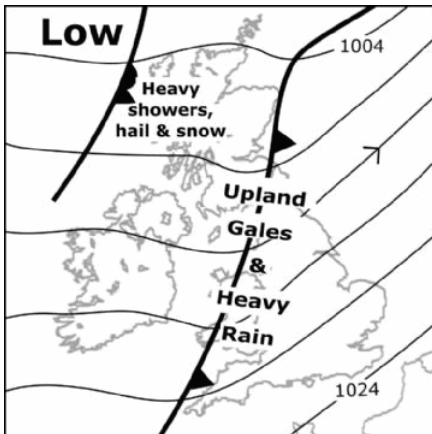
Brecon Beacons

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 Tuesday, 4 February, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 4 February, 2025

A cold front moving southeastwards brings heavy rain to southern Scotland, England & Wales, accompanied by severe gales on higher mountains. The wind moderates for periods across Scotland, but squally showers will develop increasingly, becoming heavier, with hail and snow to lowering elevations as the temperature falls.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Upland gales, heavy rain soon setting in from west.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 4 February, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 45mph, up to 60mph high tops for a few hours from mid-morning; also powerful gusts downslope N/E. Speeds then fluctuating toward later afternoon 35 to occasionally 50mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Frequent buffeting, walking arduous or difficult where exposed, any mobility challenging for periods. Significant wind chill. Sudden gusts some lower elevations.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain sets in heavy for several hours A swathe of rain moving in from the west early in the day - east Wales starting dry for a few hours. Rain sets in increasingly widely into middle of day, heavy across west & southern hills, fading from west during afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Increasingly shrouding hills Varied cloud banks from dawn, covering some slopes to lower elevations in south Wales. Some local breaks mid-Wales. Likely lowering widely to blanket the hills as rain develops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, perhaps a bright start with good visibility, but increasingly poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	3 or 4C until afternoon, then starting to fall, after dark reaching 0C. Wind chill makes it feel around -10C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits until dusk, but then dropping, after dark to 800m.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 5 February	Thursday 6 February
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly 25mph, gusty not just on highest slopes in the morning. Easing during day to 15mph. Blustery with marked wind chill in the morning, tending to become fairly small during the afternoon.	Easterly 25mph, gusty in places around higher tops and locally downslope toward the west. Affecting ease of walking on some exposed slopes, particularly where gusty; considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation unlikely Possibly a brief light shower on west coastal Cambrian hills in the morning, but the day substantially dry.	No precipitation
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly very little, patches west Occasional cloud grazing over higher slopes, mainly toward south and west in the morning. May completely clear.	Little or none Ribbons of fog in some valleys in the morning, but the hills generally clear. Some patches of cloud may drift higher up on to some eastern slopes for a time.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Intermittent sunshine, best toward east, perhaps increasingly widely sunny. Some high level cloud. Visibility very good.	Generally sunny. Visibility excellent; mist or haze some lower slopes.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	0 or -1C rising to +1C. Wind chill feeling like -8C early morning. 700-800m, plus slight frost in some valleys from dawn, rising slowly just above freezing point to higher tops.	0 or 1C. Wind chill feeling like -7C. Terrain frozen or part-frozen, including frost widely in valleys early morning. Gradual thawing at many elevations in the

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 5 February, 2025**

High pressure builds from the south during Wednesday bringing often dry conditions in the extended outlook. On many higher areas, the terrain largely frozen, although air temperature on some upper slopes will rise above freezing at times, some thawing in sunlight then overnight refreezing likely. Frost common into the valleys. Gusty south to southeasterly winds toward west coast of Scotland late this week, periods of lighter winds elsewhere. Chilly east to southeasterlies prevail into mid-February, bringing some snow flurries at times to hills, mainly Pennines & Wales. West and especially northwest Scotland largely dry, often sunny.

Forecast issued at 15:40 on Monday, 3 February, 2025

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