

Brecon Beacons

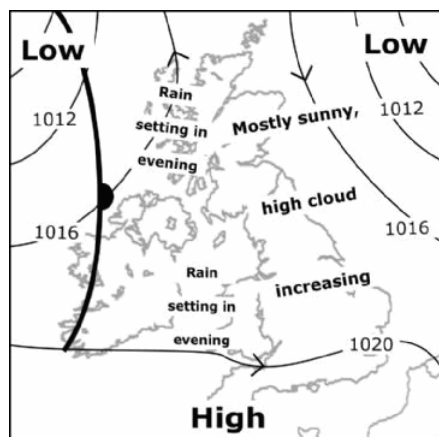
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Friday, 23 May, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 May, 2025

A sunny start for most. High cloud begins drifting over western areas, gradually thickening through afternoon. Patchy high cloud builds in eastern Scotland and down the spine of the Pennines before high cloud reaches these areas too. Overcast for most by dusk with rain setting into western coastal areas, spreading east overnight.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Patchy sun, high cloud increasing; rain into night

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 23 May, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	West to northwesterly 15-20mph. Gradually becoming near 20mph most areas by evening with some breezes reaching 25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, some uncomfortable winds into the evening.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain expected until dusk into night Dry during the day. Patchy rain arrives from the west around dusk, then rain on and off through the night.
Cloud on the hills?	Likely none
Chance of cloud free summits?	Nearly certain
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny, fair weather cloud building. High cloud arrives from the west afternoon, becoming overcast by evening. Excellent or superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	7C rising to 11C
Freezing Level	Above the summits

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 24 May	Sunday 25 May
How windy? (On the summits)	West turning southwesterly, 25 to 40mph, risk strengthening further later in day, possibly 50mph+ evening into night.	Westerly 35-45mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable buffeting across higher terrain, balance challenging on exposed ridges. May deteriorate further later.	Walking strenuous with considerable buffeting - bracing may be necessary at times. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly especially west Generally feeling very damp all day in cloud, some periods of heavier drizzle on western hills; driest eastern areas. Risk heavier rain moving in from west evening into the night.	Substantially dry, occasional showers west Light rain in most areas at dawn soon fades, then substantially dry much of the day; occasional showers drifting onto western mountains, greater chance later in the day.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, very low cloud west/south Blanket cloud from lower slopes up most or all day toward the coasts, 400-500m fairly widely inland, some higher breaks 600-700m toward the Black Mountains.	Occasional caps on high terrain Most high terrain covered at dawn, rapidly breaking and bases lifting to or just above high tops. Most mountains often clear; passing caps over tops coming and going, most often in western areas and Cambrians.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%, 30% Black Mountains	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare if any glimpses of sun mainly easternmost areas. Generally overcast and dull, poor visibility across the mountains.	A patchwork of sunshine, chance more frequent sun in the morning. Very good visibility though some haze lower slopes.
How Cold? (at 750m)	10C, little change all day. Feeling near freezing directly in the wind.	6 or 7C most of the day, chance briefly up to 8C at dawn. Feeling like -5C in direct wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 24 May, 2025

Low pressure facilitates a strong westerly Atlantic breeze over the weekend: blustery winds, low cloud, damp conditions for Saturday, then widely heavier rain is expected by Saturday night, accompanied by winds strengthening to gale force over many hills. Remaining very windy through Sunday and Monday with mountain gales; cooler too, with heavy showers, particularly frequent in western Scotland, a risk of hail and thunder. A changeable week follows, winds generally easing and likely a period of rain for England and Wales Tuesday. Eastern Scotland may be substantially dry with regular sun. Some improvement likely late week into the weekend.

Forecast issued at 16:20 on Thursday, 22 May, 2025

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