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Brecon Beacons

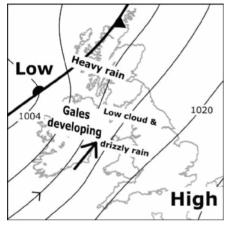




Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.

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General Summary for Thursday, 2 October, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 2 October, 2025

A persistently wet day for western Scotland, increasingly sustained heavy falls setting in. Southerly winds strengthen to become widely gale force over the mountains afternoon into evening. Small amounts of rain elsewhere, but drizzly for all. Low cloud blanketing hills, highest bases north of major hill groups.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Wind strengthening to gales later. Drizzly rain and low cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 2 October, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly 25 to 40mph, strongest into the afternoon, later reaching 50mph over tops, or 60mph by evening.		
Effect of wind on you?	Arduous conditions with a rather turbulent and gusty southerly wind. Conditions becoming difficult in the west.		
How wet?	Patchy drizzle, wetter by evening		
(Precipitation and its impact)	Patches of drizzle, mainly over southern and western upslopes. Very small amounts Mostly dry east Wales.		
	Steadier then heavier rain setting in later in the day into the evening and overnight.		
Cloud on the hills?	Most persistent south/western hills		
	Extensive cloud covering the hills above 500-700m, lowest toward south/western slopes in the morning, rising with some breaks with time, best east and mid Wales.		
Chance of cloud free summits?	20% south/west, to 40% east.		
Sunshine?	Glimpses of sun will be very fleeting and mainly in the east.		
Air clarity (below cloud)	Visibility sometimes poor due to drizzle.		
How Cold? (at 750m)	10C, fairly humid air, but feeling closer to freezing in stronger winds.		
Freezing Level	Above the summits		

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Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Friday 3 October	Saturday 4 October
How windy? (On the summits)	A relative lull in the morning, 25mph or less, but with time increasing rapidly, SW'ly 50-60mph afternoon, later 70mph+.	Westerly 40 to 50mph, gusts 60mph+ higher tops; stronger speeds more likely to occur prior to dawn.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small for a few hours in morning, but expect considerable deterioration, becoming severe conditions.	Difficult walking conditions over higher terrain all day, challenging keeping balance in some exposed spots.
How wet?	Heavy rain develops	Rain most persistent west
(Precipitation and its impact)	A little light rain on western hills early morning, but often dry for a few hours. Rain develops from southwest, setting in quickly, sustained heavy falls onward into the afternoon. Increasingly very wet underfoot.	Rain on and off, showery in nature, but frequent at times western Cambrians. Smaller amounts toward east. Fast-flowing streams, some flooding.
Cloud on the hills?	Breaks to tops, then becoming extensive	Varied, mostly high tops
	Patchy cloud on upper slopes in the morning, but good breaks to many tops for a few hours. As rain develops, cloud lowering to blanket the mountains, with time to lower slopes toward west/south.	Cloud likely to come and go over higher slopes, mostly above 700-800m, with breaks to summits for periods. Often clearer toward Black Mountains.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70% dropping below 10%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Any sun soon weak as high cloud increasingly covers the sky to be overcast. Visibility starting very good, then hazier, becoming poor in rain.	Glimpses of sun mostly toward east. Quite hazy, visibility poor where in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	6C, rising to around 9C afternoon, but feeling much colder as wind increases, in exposure like -5C or below.	5 or 6C. Wind chill making it feel like -5 to -8C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 3 October, 2025

Mild and humid southwesterlies bring prolonged heavy rain to western Scotland late this week where streams will be fast-flowing, flooding developing. Wet underfoot most western areas. A couple of fast-moving low pressure systems late this week - gales increasingly during Thursday, then after a brief lull early Friday, a more intense system bringing increasingly stormy conditions by later Friday, continuing into Saturday. Dropping much cooler during Saturday, to freezing on higher Scottish summits. Showery and windy conditions easing only gradually into Sunday. Changeable westerlies continue next week for Scotland, high pressure builds at times further south.

Forecast issued at 16:25 on Wednesday, 1 October, 2025

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