

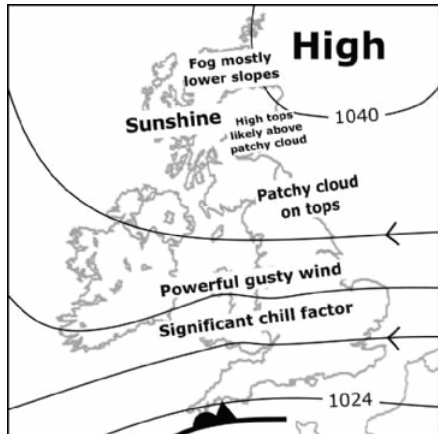
# Brecon Beacons

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, 25 December, 2025



### British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 25 December, 2025

Dry with sunshine best in west and northern Scotland, high terrain warmer than many lower slopes, local low-level fog. High summits SE Highlands likely just above patchy cloud. Mostly cloudy Pennines, grazing tops, clearer westward across the Lakes. Gusty easterly winds, strongest further south, gale-force in Wales.

### Headline for Brecon Beacons

Gale-force gusty wind, severe chill. Mostly sunny.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 25 December, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Easterly 45-55mph, powerful gusts in exposure and downslope to the west, particularly western Cambrians, but also toward west and southwest of high summits in Brecon Beacons.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Challenging conditions in exposure with gusts nearly constantly challenging balance, in places you may be blown over around higher mountains. Severe wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Dry all day</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Early patches mostly clearing</b> In the morning, patches of cloud come and go over the high terrain around the Black Mountains, well broken near Pen-Y-Fan, and more fleeting on other high tops. Cloud increasingly clears from all hills.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>70% early, rising above 90%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine increasingly widespread with excellent visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	-2 or -1C, westernmost slopes a few degrees warmer. Feeling like -15C or colder in direct wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	300-400m from dawn, rising slightly; up to 600m in the west though poorly defined due to milder downslope wind.

	Friday 26 December	Saturday 27 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly 30 to 45mph, stronger gusts around some tops and high passes; locally also gusty downslope west of high	Easterly 30 to 45mph, very gusty around some tops, high passes and downslope toward the west.
Effect of wind on you?	<b>Strenuous walking with considerable wind chill in exposure over high terrain, in places buffeting gusts affecting balance.</b>	<b>Affecting comfortable walking and balance over tops and ridges, sudden buffeting gusts in places; considerable wind chill.</b>
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation rare if any Chance of brief snow grains or light rain spots lower down, mainly toward east.	Rare if any light rain Largely dry; chance of an odd brief spot of light rain mainly eastern hills.
Cloud on the hills?	Risk often capping some tops  Patchy cloud mostly above 700-800m, most common onto higher eastern slopes, but perhaps frequent on tops. More often clear hills toward west Wales.	Patches high tops toward east  Patchy cloud banks mostly above 700m and toward east and mid Wales; patchier over much of Brecon Beacons and western Cambrians, often above tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	<b>60%</b>	<b>70%</b>
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mix of cloud and sun, best in west, often sunny near to Cardigan Bay and in Pembrokeshire. Visibility good, though some haze likely.	Fairly cloudy, but some sun best toward west. Visibility very good.
How Cold? (at 750m)  Freezing Level	0 or -1C, small variation with height. Feeling like -10 to -15C directly in the wind.  Near freezing all elevations from dawn, staying mostly sub-zero above 600m, but above freezing some western slopes.	1 to 3C, coolest in east, locally warmer western slopes. Feeling like -10C directly in the wind.  Some terrain partly frozen; close to freezing some upper slopes and patchy slight frost in sheltered valleys in morning.

**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 26 December, 2025**

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