

Brecon Beacons

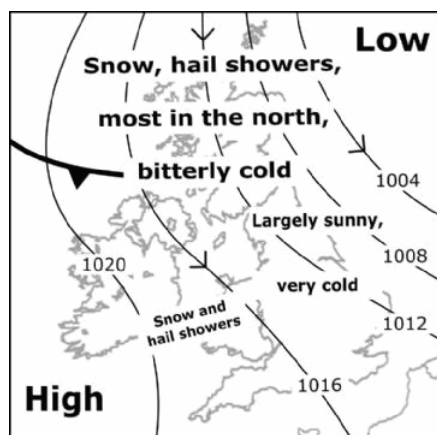
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Sunday, 4 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 4 January, 2026

Snow, hail, and wind continues driving into northern Scotland with showers passing into central and western areas; snow coverage fairly widespread in the Highlands. Southern Scotland and England mostly sunny, blustery in exposure. More snow and hail showers for Wales, pushing further east afternoon. Widely very cold.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Snow and hail showers increasingly widespread; very cold

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 4 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 20-25mph, squally gusts locally in showers. Some higher speeds possible over high tops later in the day.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable wind chill over the hills. Affecting ease of walking where exposed on tops, may become strenuous for periods in exposure.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow and hail showers west, increasingly pushing east A band of locally frequent snow and hail showers over the western Cambrians and Pembrokeshire. Dry east in the morning, though snow showers will push into east Wales with time afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Banks on central and west tops Patches on high tops in the west early, bases lower during snow showers, locally to middle slopes. Cloud increasingly common and drifting to high terrain near Brecon, perhaps reaching the tops of the Black Mountains in showers later.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70%, lowering to 40% central and west
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Frequent sunshine Brecon Beacons to east Wales in the morning, cloudier west most of the day and cloud increasingly widespread with time. Visibility excellent, turning very poor in snow showers.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-3 or -4C. Wind chill feeling like -15C in exposure on high tops.
Freezing Level	Terrain widely frozen down to valleys well inland; may start near 200-300m towards the Cambrians, locally lifting to this level during the day on slopes exposed to sunlight.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Monday 5 January	Tuesday 6 January
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Northerly 20-30mph. Continued considerable wind chill over the hills. Wind affects ease of walking where exposed on tops, strenuous at times.	Soon westerly 15-20mph, strengthening with time and shifting southwesterly, 30-35mph over the summits. Fairly small for several hours, though walking becoming uncomfortable to strenuous with significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Dry for many Irish Sea showers over Pembrokeshire may occasional drift east towards the Cambrians and westernmost Brecon Beacons, but most mountains stay dry.	Patchy snow, mostly in the west Bands of patchy snow passing west-to-east through the day; very little precipitation east of Brecon. Snow/sleet becomes more frequent around and after dusk.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Little, if any, after morning Few patches on high tops in the west early, these tending to lift and break for substantially cloud-free mountains across south Wales. 80%	Mostly high west terrain, variably lower Variable cloud on high terrain, some breaks off summits, but lowering to middle slopes during snow showers. A trend towards more persistent cloud with time afternoon. Easternmost mountains may only see cloud on high terrain during daylight. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Often sunny, some patchy cloud around, most in the west. Visibility excellent, locally reduced where showers occur.	Some bright/sunny spells will break out, but cloud will be extensive for periods too. Variable visibility, very good for periods, but rapidly deteriorating to very poor in snow.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	-3 or -4C. Wind chill feeling like -15C in exposure on high tops. Terrain widely frozen down to valleys well inland; 200-300m nearest coasts in Pembrokeshire and Cambrians.	-2C, rising slightly with time. Feeling like -13C in direct wind. Terrain widely frozen from dawn, lifting with time to 400-600m, highest level west of Brecon.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 5 January, 2026

Monday stays cold with terrain widely frozen; sunshine inland with continued snow showers along coasts. The weather then turns more variable: fronts begin to approach the country on Tuesday, with cloud gradually becoming widespread on high terrain from the north, an area of snow arriving widely into Scotland and tracking south into England and Wales overnight into Wednesday. Most terrain will stay frozen but a brief local lifting of freezing levels in western areas. Some sunny breaks and snow showers will follow this system. Beyond Wednesday, confidence in forecast detail is significantly lower, but another weather system is indicated for Thursday into Friday, this possibly bringing a swathe of snow, rain, and strong winds to the south and perhaps more widely.

Forecast issued at 15:29 on Saturday, 3 January, 2026

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