

Brecon Beacons

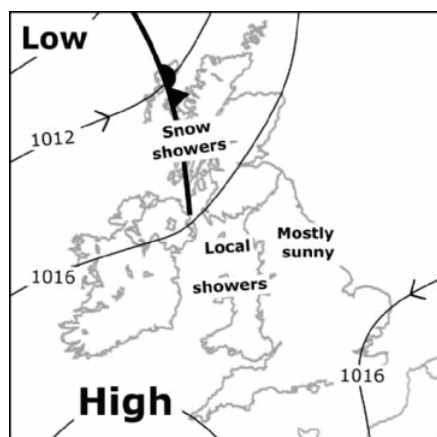
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Saturday, 10 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 10 January, 2026

Most terrain frozen, snow cover over many hills, beware icy surfaces even lower down. Wind fairly light, but feeling blustery at times over Scottish mountains and later northern England. Some snow showers and flurries, mostly toward the west. Varied patchy cloud around hills, sunnier Pennines & NE Scotland.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Wind tending to ease, local flurries fade, patchy cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 10 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	North-northwesterly 15 to 25mph, strongest in morning, easing to 10-15mph and shifting westerly afternoon, southwesterly from dusk. Strengthening onward through the night to gales 50mph. Fairly small, but noticeable wind chill in exposure on high tops. Deteriorating further into night.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rare showers, flurries on hills Often dry, scattered showers mostly in the morning, snow flurries above 500m, spots of rain lower slopes.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Occasional patches Fragments of cloud around some slopes and tops above 600-700m, mainly morning, but many hills often clearing. Some mist possible into valleys. 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mix of cloud and sun, best in east. Visibility mostly very good, occasionally reduced around showers in west.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	-1C. Feeling like -7C if exposed to wind. Much terrain frozen inland, frost into valleys in morning; then 500m, up to 700m nearest the west coast.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 11 January	Monday 12 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly, in range 40 to 50mph much of daytime, at times 60mph high tops, peak speeds likely to vary during day.	Southwesterly 40 to 55mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging conditions with frequent buffeting and powerful gusts to some lower slopes, significant wind chill.	Challenging conditions, arduous walking over the hills, buffeting gusts to some lower slopes. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain often heavy; rapid thawing Snow briefly over the hills up to dawn, possibly freezing rain for a time, soon becoming sleet then all rain up to higher slopes, setting in widely heavy south & west. Increasingly wet underfoot as snow melts.	Rain much of the day, heavy bursts Frequent to near-constant rain, some heavier showery bursts mixed in, possible hail, chance of isolated thunder in west. Very wet underfoot due to previous rain and snow melt.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Shrouding the hills widely, to lower slopes many south and western areas, higher bases into eastern mid-Wales, rarely above 600m.	Often covering tops Covering tops most or all day above 600-700m, lowest on south-western slopes. Some breaks higher up toward east.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and mostly dull. Visibility generally very poor.	Rare if any glimpses of sun. A general haze, visibility poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1C at dawn, rising to 6C, small variation of temperature with height in morning. Wind chill feeling like -7 to -12C.	4 or 5C. Wind chill feeling around -8C where directly exposed on tops.
Freezing Level	Variable up to dawn, partly frozen from inland valleys upward; soon rising quickly above freezing to high tops.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 11 January, 2026

Thawing develops during Sunday, snow turning to rain, rising just above freezing toward highest tops in Scotland, whilst in England and Wales a more rapid and substantial thaw - beware unstable snowpack conditions, then becoming very wet underfoot where melting occurs. A complex and unsettled outlook next week, generally less cold than recently, but still often below freezing over Scottish mountains above 800-1000m, and at least intermittently below freezing over tops in England and Wales. A mix of snow and rain will fall, often snow on Scottish tops with fresh accumulations. Some showery days with hail. Wind will vary in speed and direction day-to-day, some lulls, but risk gales at times on hills.

Forecast issued at 16:05 on Friday, 9 January, 2026

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