

Brecon Beacons

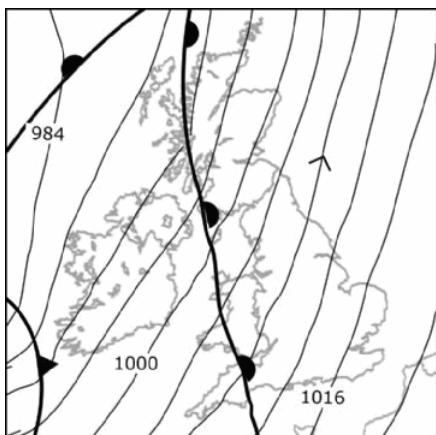
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Sunday, 11 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 January, 2026

Widely very difficult mountain conditions in severe or storm force upland winds. From west, rapid snow melt commencing and extensive fog - giving whiteout in some areas. Underfoot areas of ice, in some areas on lower slopes.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Severe gale upland wind, rain and fog.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 11 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly, in range 40 to 50mph much of daytime, at times 60mph high tops morning (and again after dark), when powerful gusts.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous or difficult walking, often challenging on exposed higher terrain, powerful gusts lower down. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain often heavy southern hills; rapid thawing Snow pre dawn. Rain, sometimes heavy through the day Brecon Beacons west to Preseli; less heavy elsewhere, very little in total mid Wales. Increasingly wet underfoot as snow melts.
Cloud on the hills?	Persistent fog on almost all summits Shrouding the hills widely, to lower slopes Brecon Beacons west to Preseli, higher bases mid-Wales, but rarely above 600m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Less than 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine not expected; widely dull and misty.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1C at dawn, rising to 6C, small variation of temperature with height in morning. Will feel as cold as minus 12C directly in wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, but areas of ice as higher terrain remains partly frozen.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Monday 12 January	Tuesday 13 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 40mph.	Low confidence in forecast: Generally southerly 30 to perhaps 40mph, although speeds may be lower or drop from west.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking widely difficult on higher areas, frequent buffeting even lower elevations. Considerable wind chill.	Walking on higher areas may well be arduous most or all day and wind chill considerable.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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.	Rain may become incessant Rain may well fall most or all day - although drier conditions to the west may penetrate across Wales (very uncertain).
Cloud on the hills?	Often covering tops Covering tops most or all day above 600-700m, lowest on south-western slopes. Some breaks higher up toward east.	Blanket of low cloud probable; cloud base may rise or have risen from west Cloud may well fill in or have filled in across the hills in rain. There may be improvement from the west but this very uncertain.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare if any glimpses of sun. A general haze, visibility poor in rain.	Little or no sunshine. Widely misty or murky in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	4 or 5C. Wind chill feeling around -8C where directly exposed on tops.	6C
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 12 January, 2026

High rainfall and intermittently windy across most mountains areas next week as a series of Atlantic lows cross Britain .

From Tuesday day to day confidence very low due to uncertainty in timing and tracking of lows .

Over England and Wales, temperatures on higher summits will intermittently be below freezing point: snow may accumulate on highest summits. Freeze thaw cycles will occur on the Scottish Highlands, although above 900m periods of thaw may well be brief, with progressive enhancement of the snowpack likely.

Forecast issued at 7:40 on Sunday, 11 January, 2026

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