

Brecon Beacons

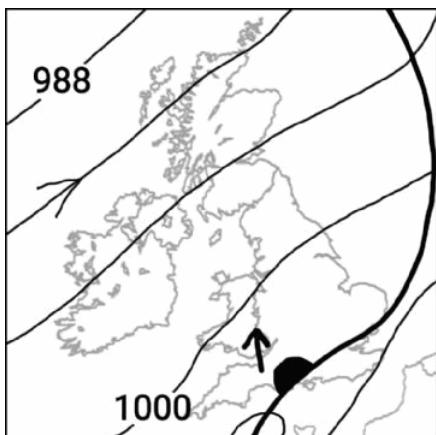
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Thursday, 15 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 15 January, 2026

Blustery and chilly south-westerly winds bringing occasional snow and hail showers, most prevalent across the west Highlands. Rain falling below 500m. Drier for England and Wales, but risk of marked deterioration later for southern and eastern Wales as rain and summit snow edges in from the south.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Rain, snow tops, moving in afternoon from south. Strengthening east winds too.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 15 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	South to southwesterly 20-25mph at dawn. Then there will be a pronounced lull, before an easterly develops later, perhaps up to 30-40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small; but likely becoming arduous with significant wind chill developing later in the day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and summit snow later in the day. Most likely extensively dry morning and early afternoon. Still some uncertainty: but then persistent rain moving in from south afternoon (snow higher tops). Western hills may escape.
Cloud on the hills?	May well clear most summits Cloud base most likely to lift toward 900m widely. Risk though in precipitation of cloud filling in extensively across the hills.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60% for a time, lowering to 20% later in rain and summit snow.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Any early patchy sun, will give way from south to overcast skies. Visibility excellent but very poor in precipitation later.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C, lowering to 0C in precipitation later.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, lowering to 800m later in precipitation.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Friday 16 January	Saturday 17 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Low confidence in detail: Southwesterly backing southerly 25 to 40mph, steady rise through day, strongest by dusk.	South-easterly 15 to 25mph, but perhaps up to 30mph up the west coast and some tops inland.
Effect of wind on you?	Be prepared for increasingly blustery or even arduous conditions to develop, after perhaps a lull in the morning.	Mostly small, but wind chill still significant where exposed to the strongest wind.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Scattered showers Scattered showers moving in from the southwest, snow falling over the 800m, hail at times to lower slopes.	Often dry, but patchy rain possible. Occasional showers or patches of rain.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Cloud very likely extensive across the hills. Best breaks across eastern most tops. General bases around 500-700m.	Extensive Fairly extensive banks of low cloud from lower slopes upwards with limited breaks. These breaks perhaps occurring between cloud layers.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun. Visibility good at times, but rather misty and murky for periods.	Mostly overcast. Rather hazy with poor visibility where patches of rain occur.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1C	2 or 3C, small rate of change in temperature with height. Feeling closer to -5C in the strongest wind.
Freezing Level	Just above summits.	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 16 January, 2026

A small scale low will pull away early on Friday morning to the North Sea to leave drier and chilly conditions into the weekend with a south to south-easterly airflow developing. Looking further ahead, a colder continental influence may be drawn in on south to east winds, but the extent of this is uncertain. The snow pack across the Scottish Highlands will be enhanced by further spells of snowfall where fronts edge in from the west, whilst for England and Wales snow accumulating on the hills at times, perhaps in the form of showers from the east.

Forecast issued at 16:46 on Wednesday, 14 January, 2026

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