

Brecon Beacons

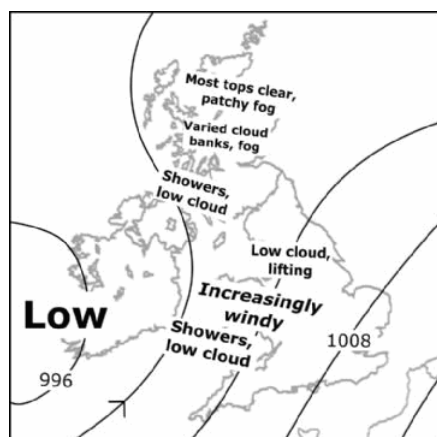
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Friday, 16 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 January, 2026

Dry for much of the Highlands, many northern mountains clear, in places above patchy valley fog, some weak sun through high-level cloud above the mountains. Breezy toward the west, some showers southwest coasts of Scotland, also S/W Wales. Areas of low cloud over Pennines and S Lakes may linger.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Increasingly windy. Showers develop from southwest, varied cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 16 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	South to southwesterly 25 to 35mph, steady rise through day, strongest by dusk, to 40mph on highest tops, squally gusts where showers occur.
Effect of wind on you?	Be prepared for increasingly blustery or even arduous conditions to develop. Considerable wind chill in exposure.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers most widely into afternoon Scattered showers moving in from the southwest, snow falling over the 800m, hail at times to lower slopes. Often dry morning in east, but risk showers more widely during afternoon. Chance isolated thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Most widely morning, then varied Cloud often covering the hills. Best breaks across easternmost tops. General bases around 500-700m in morning. Some breaks with time, but lowering in showers.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun. Visibility becoming good at times, but rather misty and murky start.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1 or 2C. Feeling like -7 to later -10C if exposed to stronger wind.
Freezing Level	Just above summits.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 17 January	Sunday 18 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 15 to 25mph, but in places gusty up to 30mph around highest tops.	Southeasterly 15 to 20mph, in places gusty 25mph around high tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Varied, in places feeling more blustery, wind chill significant where exposed to the strongest wind.	Fairly small some slopes, but blustery on exposed tops, expect noticeable chill factor.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Often dry, but patchy rain possible. Occasional showers or patches of rain.	Precipitation unlikely Feeling damp in the air in low cloud / fog. Chance of local showers grazing the coast in west Pembrokeshire.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Fairly extensive banks of low cloud from lower slopes upwards with limited breaks. These breaks perhaps occurring between cloud layers.	Fairly extensive, some breaks west A cloud sheet likely to cover many hills most or all day from mid-elevations upward. Further west, the cloud base higher and some breaks likely, best toward the coast.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	20%, to 40% furthest west.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly overcast. Rather hazy with poor visibility where patches of rain occur.	Some glimpses of sun mainly toward Cardigan Bay. Otherwise overcast and dull, misty from low-mid slopes upward.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	2 or 3C, small rate of change in temperature with height. Feeling closer to -5C in the strongest wind. Above the summits	2 or 3C. Feeling like -5C directly in the wind. Some highest slopes may be close to freezing point.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 17 January, 2026

Often dry and chilly conditions into the weekend with a south to south-easterly airflow developing, gusty wind in places. General patterns into the second half of January favour a colder continental influence. The snow pack across the Scottish Highlands will be enhanced by further spells of snowfall where 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 16:00 on Thursday, 15 January, 2026

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