

Brecon Beacons

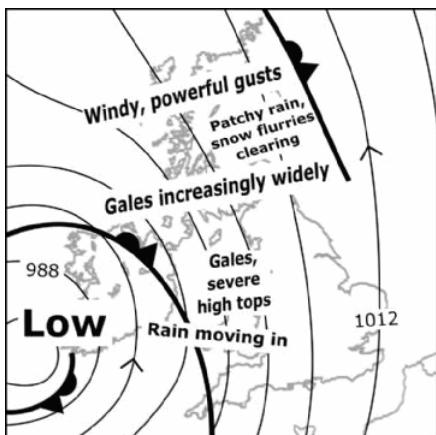
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Tuesday, 20 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 20 January, 2026

Strong southeasterlies, gusting gale-force Scottish mountains, strengthening widely. Gales all day for Wales, severe on high tops, increasingly northern England also. Some light rain and hill snow flurries, mostly eastern Scotland, fading with rising cloud base. Heavier rain develops in south Wales.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Gales, severe over tops. Rain moving in, low cloud south.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 20 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	South-southeasterly, 50 to 60mph from dawn, in places 70mph over higher mountains, powerful gusts around high tops and downslope to north. Speeds lowering a little later afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult walking conditions throughout the day, any mobility challenging on high terrain gusts could knock you over, not just on the tops; significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain becoming heavier especially west Patchy rain and drizzle early in day becoming increasingly steadier and heavier rain setting in from southwest, ongoing afternoon into evening. Smaller amounts northward into mid-Wales. Becoming very wet underfoot.
Cloud on the hills?	Covering most tops Varied at first with some breaks western Cambrians, but increasingly shrouding the hills widely, lowest cloud base toward south to mid-slopes, some higher breaks toward mid-west Wales.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally cloudy and dull. Visibility poor in rain/drizzle, locally better in west early in day.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2 or 3C. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 21 January	Thursday 22 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 40 to 50mph, speed may vary, but likely soon strengthening in morning, risk 60mph for a time.	Easterly 25 to 40mph, very gusty in places around higher tops and in places downslope to the west.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous over exposed terrain, gusts frequently knocking you off balance. Significant wind chill.	Strenuous walking on higher terrain, gusts affecting balance not just on tops. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent or persistent rain Rain on and off, risk fairly persistent across many hills. Likely steadier rain setting in, heavier at times in south.	Often raining south and east Frequent or persistent rain, some heavy bursts with possible hail mixed in. Smaller amounts western Cambrians.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Covering the hills widely above 400-600m, highest bases toward the western Cambrians; may fill in lower in south.	Extensive Covering higher terrain much of the day, lowest bases on southeastern aspects, occasionally may break higher up, more often western areas.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull, poor visibility in rain.	Generally cloudy, dull south/east. Visibility often poor due to rain, sometimes good west Wales.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Around 0C. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C where exposed on higher areas.	2 or 3C. Wind chill feels as cold as -10C.
Freezing Level	Close to freezing on higher tops around 800m, tending to lower slightly during day.	Above freezing to highest tops.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 21 January, 2026**

Strong east to southeasterlies continue beyond midweek, sustained gales over most mountains with powerful gusts downslope toward west. Near or just below freezing on higher tops - colder air is likely to move into Scotland at least late in the week, much mountain terrain then frozen with severe chill factor. Scope for substantial snowfalls over eastern Scottish hills later this week. Sleet or snow mostly higher tops in England and Wales, may fall lower over the weekend. Low cloud often covering many hills across Britain, clearer and drier toward western coasts. Circulating low pressure and cold air likely into next week, with further snowfalls likely.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Monday, 19 January, 2026

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