

Brecon Beacons

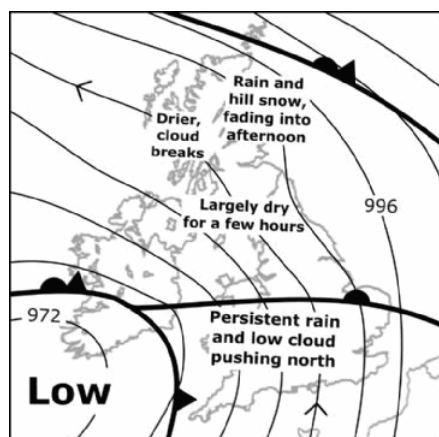
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Wednesday, 21 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 January, 2026

Rain and hill snow in eastern Scotland in the morning tends to ease off; largely dry toward west. E-SE'ly gales in north, lower wind speeds S & W Highlands, but increasing again later. In England & Wales, upland gales all day, rain and initially snow on tops extending north, becoming milder from the south.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Upland gales. Rain and low cloud throughout day.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 21 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 40 to 50mph, speed may vary, but at times gusts near 60mph high tops, slightly lowering afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous over exposed terrain, gusts frequently knocking you off balance. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent or persistent rain, heavy at times Briefly dry start, but spots of rain soon onto southern hills, then pulses of rain moving in from the south, becoming persistent steadier rain at times, some heavier bursts mixed in. Frequent heavy bursts onward into evening with hail.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, lowest south Varied banks at first, but soon covering the hills widely above 400-600m, highest bases toward the western Cambrians; at times filling in lower on southern and eastern aspects.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull, poor visibility in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Around 0C. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C where exposed on higher areas.
Freezing Level	Close to freezing on higher tops around 800m, tending to lower slightly during day.

	Thursday 22 January	Friday 23 January
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Easterly 25 to 40mph, very gusty in places around higher tops and in places downslope to the west. Strenuous walking on higher terrain, gusts affecting balance not just on tops. Considerable wind chill.	East-southeasterly 35 to 50mph, very gusty in places. Risk significantly strengthening late in the day. Widely arduous conditions, at times challenging in exposure with significant buffeting and wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Often raining south and east Frequent or persistent rain, some heavy bursts with possible hail mixed in. Smaller amounts western Cambrians.	Often raining, most persistent south/east Frequent rain soon sets in, persistent onto southern slopes. May break somewhat afternoon, but will return as showers which may be heavy.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Covering higher terrain much of the day, lowest bases on southeastern aspects, occasionally may break higher up, more often western areas.	Extensive Covering higher terrain much of the day, lowest bases on southeastern aspects, occasionally may break higher up, more often western Cambrians.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally cloudy, dull south/east. Visibility often poor due to rain, sometimes good west Wales.	Generally cloudy, dull south/east. Visibility often poor due to rain, sometimes good west Wales.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	3C. Wind chill feels as cold as -10C. Above freezing to highest tops.	1 or 2C. Wind chill feels as cold as -10C. Above freezing to highest tops.

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 22 January, 2026

Sustained gale force easterlies over most mountains later this week, powerful gusts downslope toward west; severe chill factor. Colder air and lowering freezing level moves into Scotland Thursday-Friday, much mountain terrain then frozen into the weekend and early next week. Substantial snowfalls over eastern Scottish hills later this week, drier to the west. Dropping just below freezing on high tops in England and Wales - a mix of rain and high level snow; colder further south over the weekend. Circulating low pressure and cold air into next week, with further snowfalls likely. Lower wind speeds early in the new week, but then likely increasing E-SE'ly again.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Tuesday, 20 January, 2026

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