

Brecon Beacons

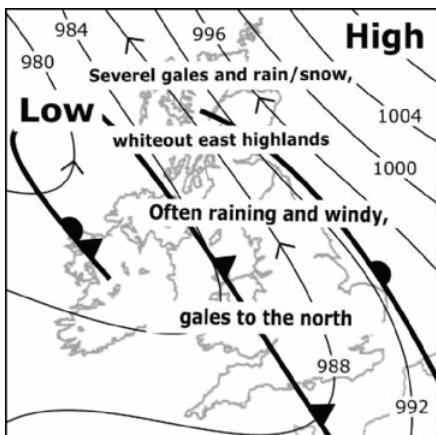
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Thursday, 22 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 22 January, 2026

Gales in north England and Scotland, severe on the high Munros, gusting to storm force in the north; severe wind chills. Frequent or persistent rain across most mountains, falling as snow onto the high Munros from dawn, the snow level lowering with time; snow will be heavy with whiteout conditions in east Scotland.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Often raining and dull; breezy with notable wind chill

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 22 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 25 to 35mph in the morning, very gusty in places around higher tops and in places downslope to the west. Gradually shifting southerly afternoon and easing into night.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking on higher terrain, gusts affecting balance not just on tops. Wind effects will trend towards fairly small as evening approaches. Considerable wind chill.
How wet?	Often raining, most frequent and heavy on southern aspects Frequent or persistent rain, some heavy bursts on southern aspects.
(Precipitation and its impact)	
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Extensive over high terrain all day lowest bases on southeastern aspects which may reach low slopes during heavier bursts of rain. Occasionally may break higher up around the Cambrians, particularly west slopes.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine?	Generally cloudy, dull south/east.
Air clarity (below cloud)	Visibility often poor due to rain, sometimes good west Wales.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2 or 3C. Wind chill feels as cold as -10C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Friday 23 January	Saturday 24 January
How windy? (On the summits)	East-southeasterly 35 to 45mph, soon strengthening, reaching 55mph or higher in exposure afternoon.	Southeasterly 35 to 50mph, very gusty around high tops and downslope to NW; top speed may fluctuate during day.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking increasingly challenging, difficult conditions by evening will limit mobility; significant wind chill.	Challenging conditions; walking and balance difficult in exposed areas, buffeting gusts lower down; significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Often raining, most persistent south/east Frequent rain soon sets in, persistent onto southern and eastern slopes. May break somewhat afternoon, but will return as showers which may be heavy.	Frequent or persistent rain Rain often falling throughout the day, most continuous over eastern Brecon Beacons NP, some heavier bursts mixed in, falling as sleet on high tops, possible hail. Patchier toward western Cambrians.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive Covering higher terrain much of the day, lowest bases on southeastern aspects. Occasionally may break higher up with time towards the north, western Cambrian slopes may often be clear.	Fairly extensive Covering the hills fairly widely above 600m, some lower bases on eastern aspects. Local breaks forming higher up west Wales.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull. Visibility often poor due to rain and cloud.	Largely cloudy, dull in east. Visibility mostly poor, local improvements further west.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1 or 2C. May cool slightly late in the day. Wind chill feels like -10C, to -15C or colder late in the day.	0 or 1C. Directly in the wind feeling like -12 to -15C.
Freezing Level	May just graze the high tops but likely above the summits.	Near or just above freezing point on higher summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 23 January, 2026

Sustained gale force easterlies over most mountains into the weekend, powerful gusts downslope toward west; severe chill factor. Colder air and lowering freezing level moves into Scotland on 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, turning colder further south over the weekend, with freezing level dropping to the southern Pennines summits next week. 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 16:18 on Wednesday, 21 January, 2026

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