

Brecon Beacons

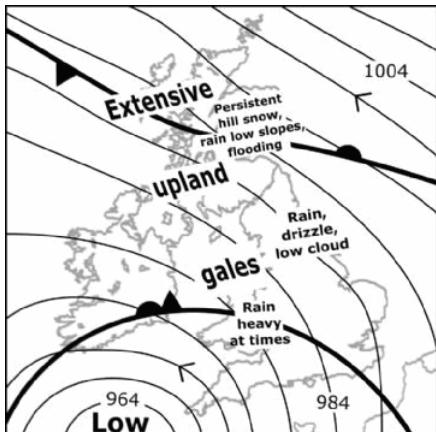
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Friday, 23 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 January, 2026

Gales widespread across all mountain areas, powerful turbulent gusts downslope toward the west in places. Prolonged upland snow southeastern Highlands into southern Cairngorms, increasingly rain to mid-heights. Further rain also spreads north across Wales then the Pennines. Low cloud widely.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Gales on tops. Rain and low cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 23 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	East-southeasterly strengthening from before dawn to 45-50mph by first light, gusts 55-60mph high tops for a time in morning. Moderating slightly, but then increasing again into evening to 50-60mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Arduous walking with considerable buffeting, more challenging mobility in places. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Often raining, most persistent south/east in morning. Frequent rain soon sets in, persistent onto southern and eastern slopes. May break somewhat afternoon, but patchy rain or drizzle linger in east, and some heavier showery bursts at times. Further heavy rain into night. Wet underfoot, streams in spate.
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.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull. Visibility often poor due to rain and cloud.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1 or 2C. Wind chill feels like -10C, to -15C or colder late in the day.
Freezing Level	Near freezing point on highest tops early morning, then above the summits, lowering slightly near to tops again after dark.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 24 January	Sunday 25 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 40 to 60mph, very gusty around high tops and downslope to NW; top speed may fluctuate during day.	Southeasterly, speed may vary, mostly 20 to 30mph, locally stronger gusts around high tops and downslope to NW.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging conditions; walking and balance difficult in exposed areas, buffeting gusts lower down; significant wind chill.	Blustery over most high terrain, gustier areas affecting comfortable walking. Marked wind chill in exposure on tops.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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.	Frequent or persistent rain Rain on and off most of the day, particularly south and eastern hills, patchier western mid-Wales.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive Covering the hills fairly widely above 600m, some lower bases on eastern aspects. Local breaks forming higher up west Wales.	Extensive Covering much of the Brecon Beacons and eastern mid-Wales all day, often to mid-slopes. Higher bases westwards, rare breaks above 600m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, dull in east. Visibility mostly poor, local improvements further west.	Largely cloudy, hazy. Poor visibility over most hills.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 or 1C. Directly in the wind feeling like -12 to -15C.	1 or 2C. Feeling like -7 to -10C in the wind.
Freezing Level	Near or just above freezing point on higher summits.	Just above freezing point on higher summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 24 January, 2026

East to southeasterlies continue through the weekend and onward into next week, frequently strong to gale-force over the mountains, giving severe chill factor. Below freezing across high terrain in Scotland, and into early next week a lowering freezing level over hills in England and Wales. Frequent or persistent snowfall over east and southern Scottish mountains, rain on lower slopes causing flooding in the short term. Patchier and small amounts reaching coastal regions in west-northwest Scotland. Areas of rain and increasingly hill snow push across England and Wales as low pressure remains dominant. Low cloud often covering many hills.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Thursday, 22 January, 2026

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