

Brecon Beacons

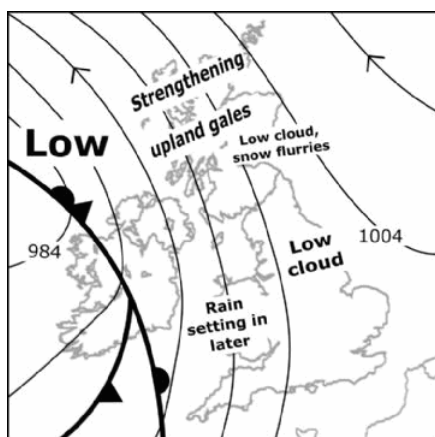
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Monday, 26 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 26 January, 2026

Gale-force and very gusty southeasterly winds Scottish mountains, tending to strengthen. Patchy snow and low cloud affects the eastern Highlands; largely dry and clearer toward west/northwest. Some cloud breaks for the Lakes. Rain and upland gales moves into Wales from the west in the afternoon.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 26 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southeasterly 30mph at dawn, steadily increasing to a gusty 45mph during afternoon, soonest in west, strengthening further after dark, eventually stormy winds 70mph midnight onward. Significant wind chill. Strenuous walking from dawn, deteriorating, challenging by dusk with buffeting. Severe conditions onward into night.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain develops, becomes heavy later Mostly dry morning, a few spots of rain/sleet here and there in east. Rain arrives afternoon from the west, spreading increasingly inland through dusk, setting in heavier southern areas.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Lowest cloud south and east A layer of cloud blankets the summits and southern slopes to middle altitudes. Best of breaks early in the day on northern slopes and particularly around the Cambrians, more extensive with time as rain sets in. 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun expected. Good visibility toward west, misty over eastern hills; poorer later in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	0C, rising to 1C with time. Wind chill feeling like -10 to later -15C. 700m from dawn, lifting slightly with time.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 27 January	Wednesday 28 January
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	South-southeasterly 45-60mph at/before dawn, easing to nearer 40-45mph with time, though some variability. Walking arduous all day, challenging in exposure early; strong gusts require crouching for stability. Severe wind chill.	Southeasterly 30 to 50mph - speed likely to vary during day. Arduous walking conditions, very gusty in places around higher tops. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain most of the day, showery bursts Heavy rain from dawn for most hills, falling as sleet/snow on high tops prior to dawn. Becoming showery, some heavy with hail, though more often raining than dry, particularly southern slopes.	Damp air Fine drizzle where in cloud south and eastern hills.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Fairly extensive Some higher breaks north of the high Brecon Beacons with time, though summits are unlikely to clear for any period of time. 20%	Most persistent east Low cloud banks may cover eastern hills until into afternoon, tending to break with time. Patchier or clearer all day in west. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, a few bright moments mainly eastern mid-Wales. Visibility often very poor in precipitation, though local improvements afternoon.	Largely cloudy, some brighter or sunnier areas toward Cardigan Bay where visibility good; mistier in east Wales.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	1 to 3C. Feeling like -15 to -17C in direct wind. Above the summits, but occasionally near to highest tops at 800m.	0C rising to 3C. Wind chill feeling like -8 to -12C. 800m from dawn, rising above freezing on higher summits during day.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 27 January, 2026**

Powerful southeasterlies prevail across Scotland this week and many indications favour strong east or southeasterly winds onward into the first half of February. Scottish mountains are expected stay below freezing in the extended range, fresh heavy snowfalls giving substantial depths and drifts across south and eastern areas, much less snow northwestward. Hills in England and Wales will see varying freezing levels, sub-zero for periods to 600m or lower, but intermittently lifting just above the tops - a mix of rain and upland snowfall. A generally unsettled pattern with Atlantic lows continuing to frequently circulate over Britain on a southerly track, whilst high pressure resides away to the north.

Forecast issued at 16:15 on Sunday, 25 January, 2026

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