

Brecon Beacons

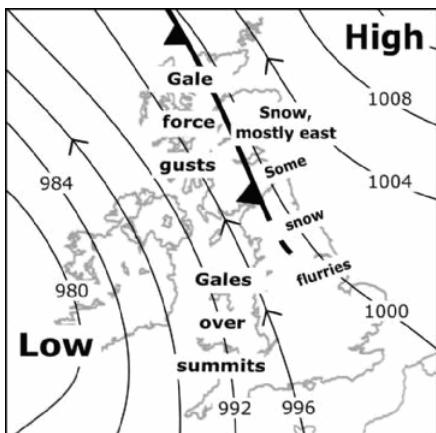
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Thursday, 29 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 29 January, 2026

Freezing temperatures in Scotland and England; freezing level lowering with time to middle slopes, first in eastern hill groups. Blustery as well, gale force gusts on high terrain of Scotland and Wales. Snow flurries affecting eastern Scotland and the Pennines, mostly dry Lakeland to west Scottish Highlands.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Windy, gale force gusts; some rain south, more late in the day

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 29 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 30 to 45mph, some variability in speed and gusty around higher exposed summits and locally downslope toward west Wales. Most powerful gusts may reach up to 50mph+.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking at least strenuous all day, to locally challenging in strong gusty wind - prepare for changes in conditions. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Afternoon rain Some patchy rain drifts onto southern slopes through morning, many hills will stay dry. Increasing risk of rain with time in the afternoon, most extensive in the east, falling as sleet on the tops, raining more widely for several hours after dark.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Shrouding most hills all dry, to mid elevations or lower on south and east slopes. Some higher bases westernmost areas, particularly around the Cambrians, though unlikely breaking above 600m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, hazy and dull, poor visibility across the hills.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1C, lifting to 2C on most hills. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C.
Freezing Level	Variable, mostly above the summits, particularly later, but lower early in the east, to 700-800m for a time.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Friday 30 January	Saturday 31 January
How windy? (On the summits)	South or southeasterly, speed likely vary during day, typically 15 to 25mph; strengthening later, 35-40mph into dusk.	Generally southwesterly 15-25mph, may be stronger for periods in exposure.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly fairly small effect on walking, but prepare for noticeable chill over exposed higher areas, then increasing effects later.	Often fairly small, but blustery in exposure, walking at times becoming strenuous.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk rain developing from south A little patchy rain, though several hours may be often dry early/around midday. Rain moving in from south with time, becoming frequent-to-persistent by day's end.	Intermittent rain Periods of rain will come and go through the day, perhaps heaviest and most persistent early in the day. Rain from prior days making wet conditions underfoot.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, lowest east Areas of low cloud to some mid-slopes in eastern areas, more broken cloud west. May vary, rising in places, but covering most higher slopes where rain develops, increasingly widespread later.	Soon lifting to mostly affect high terrain Widely extensive to middle slopes at and before dawn, soon lifting and breaking to mostly just affecting the high slopes, breaks off some tops are probable. Cloud will fill in for periods as rain comes.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Cloudy and dull or murky on eastern hills, better westwards, glimpses of sun. Becoming more widely poor if rain sets in.	Cloudy early, glimpses of sun soon breaking out, increasingly extended. Often good visibility out of precipitation.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2 or 3C. Wind chill feeling like -5C.	2 or 3C, rising a degree later.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 30 January, 2026

Slow-moving weather patterns and a broadly similar regime to recent times over the next week or so: periods of precipitation will affect most mountains at least every few days. Scottish Munros generally below freezing point, with snow cover and drifts most substantial from the Cairngorms to central and southern Highlands, some additional falls in the week ahead (with continued flooding risk too); much less northwestward. Hills in England and Wales will see varying freezing levels, at times dropping sub-zero to middle slopes, but largely isolated to the high terrain of Lakeland and Eryri NP (Snowdonia). Wind speed will vary, some periods of lower speeds than recently, though gusty SE'ly winds remain common in the Highlands. Scope for widely colder conditions toward mid February.

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