

Brecon Beacons

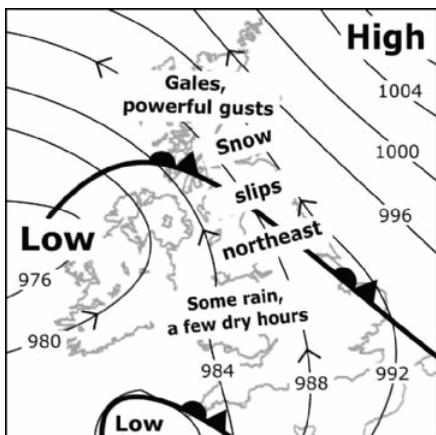
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Friday, 30 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 30 January, 2026

Gales for northern England and Scotland all day with powerful gusts over tops and downslope to the northwest. Several hours of snow in these regions as well, passing from west-to-east with time, the snow level lifting to mid-slopes; northwest Scotland mostly dry and bright. Blustery in Wales, most of the rain south/east.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Patchy rain, dry for a time; becoming windy later

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 30 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	South or southeasterly, typically 20 to 25mph, some variability and at times stronger in the west; strengthening later, and trending southeasterly, 30-40mph into dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly fairly small effect on walking, but prepare for noticeable chill over exposed higher areas and moments of stronger wind, then consistently strenuous conditions late in the day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Some showery rain, more widely later Showery rain drifts from the south through morning, tending to ease, several hours dry afternoon. Rain moves in again from south into later afternoon, becoming fairly widespread as dusk approaches.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, lowest east, a brief clearer period Areas of low cloud to some mid-slopes in eastern areas, more broken cloud west. May vary, rising in places for a few hours during the dry period, returning to most higher slopes as rain redevelops, increasingly widespread into night.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Cloudy and dull or murky on eastern hills, better westwards, a few glimpses of sun for a few hours, but becoming more widely poor late in the day as rain returns.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2 or 3C. Wind chill feeling like -5C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 31 January	Sunday 1 February
How windy? (On the summits)	Generally southwesterly 20-30mph, some variability, may be stronger for periods in exposure.	Detail uncertain: speed and direction may often change, but generally southerly, 15-30mph, perhaps lighter at times.
Effect of wind on you?	Often fairly small, but blustery in exposure, walking at times becoming strenuous.	May be fairly small at times, but be mindful of sudden changes in speed which may impede walking.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	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.	Patchy rain Patchy light rain affects many hills throughout the day. Rain may be more frequent and heavier for a time midday/afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Shrouding high terrain, variably lower Widely extensive to middle slopes at and before dawn, lifting somewhat, a few high breaks possible, but most high terrain stays shrouded.	Mostly high terrain, variable Fog shrouds high summits most or all day. Bases variable, lowering as low as mid slopes during rain, but higher breaks possible as well, perhaps to summits.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Some glimpses of sun here and there but often cloudy. Often good visibility out of precipitation.	Glimpses of sun here and there, but often cloudy. Generally good visibility but reduced in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2 or 3C, rising a degree later.	3C
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 31 January, 2026

Unsettled this weekend: often cloudy and patchy rain for most. Variable winds cause rapid local changes in cloud amounts, rain, and impact on walking. The freezing level may lift somewhat, isolating snowfalls to higher Scottish terrain. In the coming week, periods of precipitation and wind 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 precipitation northwestward. Hills in England and Wales may see a period of freezing levels above the summits as a southerly flow brings slightly milder air to the country. An indication of colder easterlies in February, though detail is very uncertain.

Forecast issued at 15:55 on Thursday, 29 January, 2026

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