

Brecon Beacons

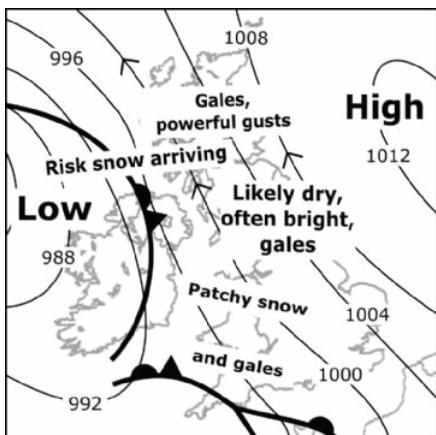
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Wednesday, 18 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 18 February, 2026

Cold with widespread gales in exposure; powerful gusts and severe wind chill. North and west Scotland often dry and free of cloud; an increasing risk of snow south with time, possibly east as well. English hills largely dry, hill cloud mostly isolated to high Pennines. Cloudier Wales with snow arriving from the south.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Gales, powerful gusts; snow arrives with time

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 18 February, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 40-50mph; constant powerful gusts over high terrain, approaching 60mph or higher. Starting to ease after dark and shift easterly.
Effect of wind on you?	Widely challenging conditions with severe wind chill; powerful gusts require crouching with constant effort to maintain stability.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Some patchy snow, more with time Some patchy snow but often dry for several hours into the day. Snow becomes more common on eastern hills, and with time, an increasing risk on south and western slopes as well; falling as rain below 300m, higher west.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly high terrain, deteriorating Cloud banks often covering the high tops, occasional breaks for clear hills in the west, but gradually becoming more extensive across high terrain, bases lowering to middle slopes around central and east hills with time.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%, lowering to 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Weak sun in the morning shining through breaks in cloud, trending more widely overcast with time. Very good visibility but some early haze.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Starting near -3C, lifting with time, most areas reaching -1C, but locally warmer west to 0 or +1C. Southern slopes may reach these temperatures too. Feeling like -20C in exposure.
Freezing Level	300-400m, rising to the west, likely above the Cambrians, and possible rising more widely, but staying near the summits in the east.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 19 February	Friday 20 February
How windy? (On the summits)	N-NE'ly 15-25mph, trending NW'ly with time, strengthening to 25-35mph into evening.	Southwesterly 40-55mph, likely quite gusty.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small effects for several hours, possibly well into the day, the wind making walking strenuous into nighttime.	Challenging conditions all day with significant wind chill; maintaining stability requires constant effort in exposure.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Some morning snow Snow affecting central and eastern hills from before dawn, soon starting to ease and break into odd patches, likely dry by afternoon.	Patchy rain/drizzle, sometimes more Patchy rain/drizzle affecting high terrain much of the day, also with a risk of a few more organized bands of rain sweeping west-to-east.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive early, likely improving Fairly extensive over high terrain early in the day, bases to the middle slopes near and east of Brecon. An improving trend is likely, though variably returning to high tops, greatest risk in the east.	Fairly extensive Cloud shrouds high terrain and slopes to the west and south down to the middle slopes most of all day. Cloud at times well broken and higher bases towards mid-Wales/Black Mountains, but extensive here too during rain.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A cloudy start, sun breaking out with time, best in the west. Improving visibility, some haze around.	Mostly cloudy but some bright/sunny breaks will come and go, best east. Variable visibility, good out of cloud and rain, but some haze too.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-2 or -1C, some local variability and may rise a degree.	Around 1C from dawn, some local variability, rising to 6C. Feeling like -7 to -10C in direct wind.
Freezing Level	Around 400-600m, likely lifting to the high summits.	Poorly defined from dawn: highest terrain likely frozen, some lower slopes as well, soon rising above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 19 February, 2026

Much terrain in England and Scotland remains frozen as the weekend approaches. However, freezing level will be less well defined on western slopes as stable downslope flow may warm and thaw frozen ground up to middle elevations, particularly in Wales and England. Friday into the weekend sees a switch to southwesterly winds, bringing milder conditions - lifting above freezing to tops in England and Wales, and generally higher freezing levels in Scotland; periods of thawing to Munro summits will occur but also further snowfall on higher terrain during the day-to-day variability of precipitation and freezing levels. Often cloudy with periods of rain further south, most often affecting western and southern hills where cloud will be lowest and at times drizzly in the south. Often windy with upland gales.

Forecast issued at 15:59 on Tuesday, 17 February, 2026

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