

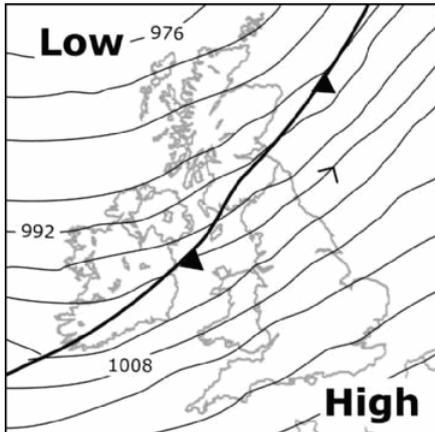
Brecon Beacons

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, 12 March, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 March, 2026

Severe gale or storm force upland winds ahead of an active slowly southeastward moving front, which will bring widespread heavy rain and fog to almost all mountain areas. Across Scotland, behind the front, squally hail and snow showers.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Upland severe gales; frequent rain, and fog.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 12 March, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly, soon strengthening to 50 to 60mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Very difficult conditions. On higher areas, where exposed any mobility soon challenging. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly rain increasingly frequent; least wet north from Black Mountains Starting largely dry particularly east Wales, but patchy rain and drizzle increasingly through morning. Gradually the rain more frequent from the west.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Shrouding even many lower slopes all day. Generally highest cloud base toward and north of Black Mountains, but even here not often above 550m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Dull and misty or murky after the odd glimpse of sun east Wales morning.
How Cold? (at 750m)	6C. Will feel as cold as minus -10C directly in wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits during daylight, lowering overnight to 600m.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Friday 13 March	Saturday 14 March
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	West to southwesterly 30 to 40mph, likely strongest in the morning, squally gusts around showers. Strenuous walking conditions over exposed higher terrain, buffeting at times and considerable wind chill.	Southwesterly, ranging from 20 to 430mph. (Gradually strengthening through day.) Mostly fairly small, particularly morning.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Hail and snow showers, risk thunder Showers with hail sometimes frequent on more western hills; also snow falling to 300-400m in morning, then mostly confined above 600m with time. Risk isolated lightning.	Showers. Showers particularly morning; of sleet higher slopes. Chance widespread precipitation by dusk.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Often covering higher tops Cloud base frequently changing: at times shafts of cloud to 600m or lower near Cardigan Bay, and likely to come and go above 700-800m inland, but some breaks to the higher tops, more often eastwards. 40%	Almost constantly covering higher tops Varied cloud base: sometimes below 450m near precipitation but by late morning periods when most cloud above 600 or 700m. 60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sun west, or more frequent bright sun east Wales. Visibility often very good eastern areas, but further west at times very poor in showers.	Patches of sun, mainly east Wales north from Black Mountains. Hazy.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	-2C rising to 0C afternoon. Feeling like -10 to -13C directly in the wind. 500-600m at first, rising toward 800m by early afternoon.	1C. Will feel as cold as minus 12C directly in the wind. Just above highest summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 13 March, 2026**

Further bouts of upland gales over the next few days. Precipitation on most mountains almost daily, focussed on western mountains. Freeze thaw cycles will occur: on the Scottish Highlands, thaw periods fairly brief and snow accumulating on many slopes. Further south, lying snow more intermittent as periods of thaw will be lengthier. Temperature levels will rise from about next Tuesday.

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