

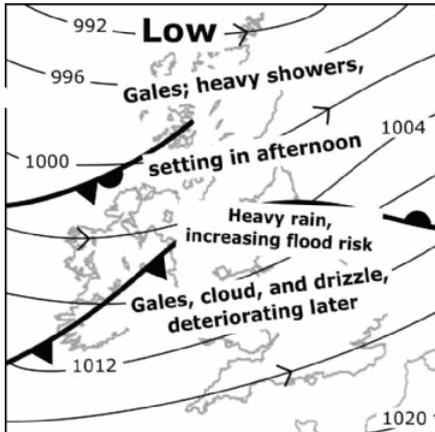
Brecon Beacons

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 Tuesday, 24 March, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 24 March, 2026

Widespread gales, severe early in Scotland. Showers in west Scotland, pushing east, turning snowy and setting in for a time. Near constant rain for Lakeland and Yorks Dales, becoming heavy with a rising flood risk. Rain spreads widely across England and Wales later, wind strengthens in Wales.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Gales and drizzly rain, deteriorating late in the day

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 24 March, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 40 to 45mph through morning, strengthening afternoon, sustained speed approaching 55mph with strong gusts over the high tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Arduous to difficult conditions across the hills with significant wind chill. Mobility increasingly difficult in exposure as conditions deteriorate afternoon.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly rain, sometimes dry, more rain later in the day Patchy drizzly rain mostly west and southwestern areas, amounts small much of day, though the drizzle quite persistent on the high tops. As evening approaches, patches of heavier rain begin arriving, setting in for several hours into night.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Shrouding the hills widely, often from 300-400m upward west and southwest of Brecon. Higher bases mostly above 600m toward Black Mountains and mid Wales.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Generally cloudy, some brighter moments mainly morning and in east Wales. Visibility good where dry below cloud (some haze towards coasts), reducing if in rain, may become poor.
How Cold? (at 750m)	6C most of daylight. As evening approaches, beginning to lower, sharply dropping after nightfall to near or below freezing. Feeling like -8 to -12C in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits all day, then after dark into evening, dropping rapidly onto tops, to around 600-700m overnight hours.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 25 March	Thursday 26 March
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Northwesterly 35 to 50mph, varying speeds with squally gusts around showers. Walking often impeded, frequent buffeting, in places more arduous over higher exposed terrain. Significant wind chill.	Northerly 20-30mph early, soon easing and shifting northwesterly, 15-20mph. Walking impeded and stability affected on high exposed ridges early. Easing to fairly small effects.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent hail and snow Showery snow and hail falling to lower slopes, frequent in west Wales from dawn, but increasingly widespread across the region. Risk of isolated thunder & lightning.	Little or no precipitation A few early showers may affect the Cambrians and Preseli hills, but otherwise a dry day.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Varying over tops Cloud base changing, mostly confined to highest summits above 700-800m and often lifting above. Brief patches to 600m in showers. 40%	Little expected Ragged patches of cloud at several heights in the morning, most of the cloud on western Cambrians. Cloud begins to lift after sunrise, clearing the hills for a largely cloud-free day. Rising to 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief bursts of bright sun, mostly east in morning. Visibility intermittently very good, but appalling at times in showers with brief whiteout over tops.	Bright sunshine in the morning, gradually weakened by building high cloud. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	-1 or -2C, slight rise into afternoon. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C on tops. 500m from dawn, lifting to 700m, slightly higher away from showers.	-1 or 0C, may start a degree cooler. Feeling like -10 to -12C in early wind. 600-800m, though lower frosts likely early. Will sharply lift to above the summits overnight.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 25 March, 2026

Cold, wintry conditions across all mountains into midweek - significant chill factor from gale force west then northwesterly winds. Hail and snow showers extend southwards into Wednesday, by then below freezing on all tops above 600-700m. Fewer showers by Thursday for many, though further snow then rain moves into western Scotland. Temperature and freezing level then varying as changeable westerlies prevail for Scotland through the weekend into early next week with periods of upland gales widely, accompanied by spells of rain, hill snow and hail showers; some windows of drier weather more often affect England & Wales.

Forecast issued at 15:55 on Monday, 23 March, 2026

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