

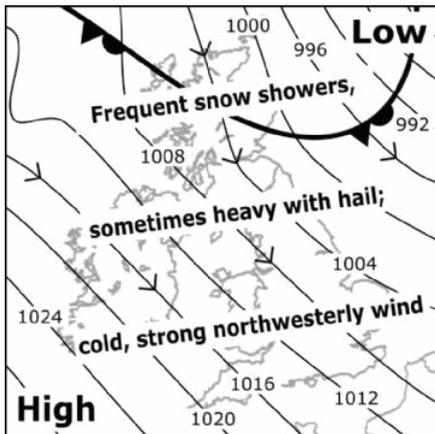
Brecon Beacons

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, 25 March, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 25 March, 2026

Widespread hail and snow showers, at times heavy with a risk of isolated lightning. Fewer showers in the N Pennines and southeast Scotland for a few morning hours, but returning afternoon. Gales widespread as well with sudden strong gusts, easing only slightly in Scotland. Cold, staying below freezing above 500-600m.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Frequent snow and hail showers; gales

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 25 March, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 40 to 50mph, variable speeds with squally gusts around showers, reaching 55mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging walking conditions most of the day with significant wind chill. Beware sudden, strong gusts that will require bracing to maintain stability.
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. Small risk of isolated thunder & lightning.
Cloud on the hills?	Varying over tops Cloud base changing, mostly confined to highest summits above 700-800m and often lifting above. Brief patches to 600m in showers.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%
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.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1 or -2C, slight rise into afternoon. Wind chill feeling like -13 to -15C on tops.
Freezing Level	500m from dawn, lifting to 700m, slightly higher away from showers.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 26 March	Friday 27 March
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	North-northwesterly 20-30mph early, soon easing and shifting northwesterly, 15-20mph, perhaps briefly lower. Walking impeded and stability affected on high exposed ridges early. Easing to fairly small effects.	Westerly 20-30mph, notable gusts over high terrain. A northwesterly shift through afternoon. Walking impeded with buffeting gusts over high terrain, stability briefly challenged in strongest gusts.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no precipitation during daylight A few early showers may affect the Cambrians and Preseli hills, but otherwise a dry day. Later afternoon, patchy rain arrives from the west, spreading east into evening.	Patchy rain, briefly sets in, then breaks Patchy rain in the morning, most often western areas; more widely raining with heavier falls for a few hours after dawn. Rain eases through afternoon, likely dry by evening.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Little during daylight, lowering to tops later 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. A deck of cloud returns to tops as evening approaches, further lowering. Rising to 90%	Extensive Extensive fog from lower slopes up from dawn, lingering well into the day, bases rising slightly, greatest rise on southern and eastern slopes. Only late in the day will bases rise towards summits, but breaks to tops unlikely during daylight. 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine in the morning, gradually weakened by increasing high cloud. Excellent visibility.	Overcast and dull with poor visibility. Beginning to improve late in the day.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	-1 or 0C, may start a degree cooler. Rising to 1C by evening, further rising overnight. 600-700m, though lower frosts likely early, particularly east. Gradually lifting, sharply to above summits as dusk	6C most of the day, may rise to 7C in places. Sharply lowering later, 3 or 4C. Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 26 March, 2026

Thursday starts chilly with clear skies for many, snow then rain moves into western areas with time. Strong northwesterly winds prevail as the weekend starts, bringing cooler temperatures and a mix of showers and sun across most areas, the showers likely snowy to middle elevations with some hail mixed in. The cool, spring-like conditions will allow showers to become heavier and more widespread in the afternoon. Sunday into next week sees high pressure southwest of the country, producing drier weather with sun breaks, a trend towards milder temperatures too, but several low pressure systems to the north draw bands of rain eastward, mostly affecting Scotland, occasionally northern England and Wales. A risk of cooler northerly winds re-establishing later in the week, though detail is uncertain.

Forecast issued at 15:40 on Tuesday, 24 March, 2026

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