

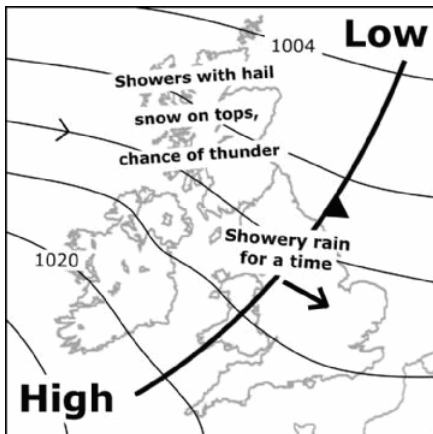
Brecon Beacons

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, 12 May, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 May, 2026

Scotland: Feeling cold in the gusty westerly winds. Early band of rain will clear to brighter skies and scattered showers. Showers more frequent later in day with risk of hail and thunder.

England and Wales: Chilly with gusty westerly winds. Showery rain for a time, then brighter with a few passing showers.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Cold westerly winds. Rain for a time. Brightening up later with a few showers.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 12 May, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 25 to 35mph, squally gusts around showers.
Effect of wind on you?	Very blustery across the hills, at times uncomfortable walking on exposed higher terrain. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery rain mostly west A band of showery rain moving southeast during the day, arriving around lunchtime when it may be frequent rain over an hour or more in west Wales. Following this, brighter skies and scattered showers.
Cloud on the hills?	Occasionally capping tops Some cloud banks drifting over higher slopes, mostly west Wales where rain develops for a time. Then rising and breaking again.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun. Visibility often very good, but reduced in rain or showers.
How Cold? (at 750m)	4 to 6C. Feeling like -5C directly in the wind on high tops.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 13 May	Thursday 14 May
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	West to northwesterly 30 to 45mph, strongest sustained speeds likely in the morning. Significant wind chill, very blustery, strenuous walking on high terrain, buffeting gusts making balance challenging.	North-westerly 15 to 25mph, but perhaps up to 30mph for western coastal hills. Feeling cold for mid May, with considerable chill in the north-westerly wind.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery, hail, snow highest tops Showers mostly toward west Wales early morning, but increasingly widespread, heavy bursts with hail, risk isolated thunder; snow at times falling on high tops mostly above 700m.	Showers developing widely, some hail. Mostly dry start, before showers develop and become fairly widespread in the afternoon, Some heavy with hail.
Cloud on the hills?	Sometimes capping tops in showers Patchy cloud around some higher slopes in morning, mainly western areas. Most cloud often lifting above the hills, but some ragged patches to 600m around showers.	Varied, but often above tops away from showers. Given flow direction, generally well elevated bases with tops often clear. However, in and around showers, shafts of cloud may lower onto tops. Sleet tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief bursts of sun and intermittently excellent visibility, but suddenly very poor during showers.	Sunshine best well inland early in the day. Otherwise, fleeting glimpses between the showers. Visibility very good, but poor in showers.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	1C rising to 4C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C. Close to freezing on highest summits early morning, rising above, but lowering briefly near high tops in showers.	2C Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 13 May, 2026**

Notably chilly for mid-May across the hills this week as air from the north-northwest prevails. Frequently near or below freezing over Scottish Munros, and at times dropping to freezing on high tops in England and Wales. Wind speed will vary, but increasing at times to gale force on hills, giving significant chill factor. Broadly showery, heavy bursts with hail and thunder in places, also often falling as snow on higher mountains, at least in Scotland, intermittently elsewhere. Some more persistent precipitation especially northwest Scotland. Also some drier windows - varying locally day-to-day - away from showers cloud will lift above hills and visibility will be very good. Less windy and fewer showers suggested by next weekend into early next week.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Monday, 11 May, 2026

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