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Brecon Beacons

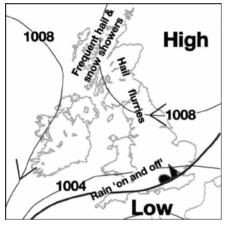




Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.

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General Summary for Saturday, 27 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 27 April, 2024

Continuing cold with higher areas below freezing point, particularly in the morning. Showers, mostly hail flurries developing, becoming frequent NW Scotland. Noticeable wind chill Wales. Very clear air.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Fairly light wind. Cold. Showery rain; let higher areas.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 27 April, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly 15mph but 20mph in places (not necessarily on higher slopes).	
Effect of wind on you?	Walking just beginning to be impacted and may feel uncomfortable for some. Marked wind chill in the morning.	
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery; risk of the rain setting in for an hour or two. Snow higher tops Precipitation on and off Brecn Beacons and particularly Black Mountains, giving snow on highest tops. Elsewhere, light precipitation from tim to time, total rainfall small.	
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	May lower onto higher areas in and after precipitation Generally patches of cloud shrouding higher slopes only intermittently in and after precipitation. Threat of the cloud more widespread later in the day, perhaps patches near 500m, most likely east Wales 60%	
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little if any sunshine. Excellent visibility, although poor in precipitation.	
How Cold? (at 750m)	1C at first; rising to 45C in the afternoon.	
Freezing Level	800m after dawn but soon above the summits.	

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Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 28 April	Monday 29 April
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Northwest backing westerly; 15mph to perhaps for a few hours 20mph. Small.	Southerly between 20 and 30mph; although may reach 35mph for periods in west Wales. Will impede ease of walking widely, locally giving considerable buffeting and wind chill.
How wet?	Showers	Rain mainly west Wales late in day
(Precipitation and its impact)	From before dawn in east Wales, risk of a few hours of rain, or above 750m snow. This will clear. In afternoon, scattered showers developing, of hail higher tops.	Bursts of showery rain from time to time, mainly west Wales. Through afternoon and evening, the rain may set in for a few hours (particularly west Wales).
Cloud on the hills?	Most summits clearing;	Likely to become extensive particularly west Wales
	Risk from dawn persistent fog higher areas in precipitation east Wales. This will more or less all clear through morning.	Summits may be free of cloud for periods perhaps for most of the day east Wales. But in rain, cloud likely to cover higher areas, and in SW Wales form blow 450m increasingly.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patches of sunshine spreading inland; sunniest west Wales from mid afternoon. Excellent visibility generally, but poor n precipitation.	Weak sunshine occasionally, generally through layers of high level cloud. Very good or excellent visibility but deteriorating to become poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1C after dawn but extensively 5C by mid afternoon.	3C rising to 5C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, although close to freezing point post dawn on Pen-y-Fan.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 28 April, 2024

Less cold next week with freezing levels almost constantly above highest summits. Rain from time to time, particularly across Wales. Wind direction will be predominantly easterly. This will bring in frequent low cloud to more eastern mountains, with highest cloud base often near the west coast.

Forecast issued at 7:20 on Saturday, 27 April, 2024

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