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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 Monday, 29 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 29 April, 2024

Deteriorating - early in the day on many more western areas - as strengthening winds, rain and low cloud associated with a front extends slowly eastwards. The rain will amount to little southern Pennines, and largely dry until later in the day northern Scotland (where precipitation initially snow on the Munros).

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Upland wind increasing to gale force, especially west; rain most of day.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 29 April, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly soon widely 30mph, and strengthening further to 40, or for a few hours on western mountains 45mph. Will ease a little toward evening.		
Effect of wind on you?	Will increasingly result in considerable buffeting and wind chill. On western mountains, for a few hours mobility may be difficult, you could be blown over.		
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Raining most of the day, easing later afternoon and evening Rain most or almost all day, sometimes heavy . Least rainfall easternmost summits north from Black Mountains.		
Cloud on the hills?	Persistent fog Preseli east to Brecon Beacons: Persistent fog, sometimes forming on lower slopes. Mid Wales: Cloud base typically varying between 450 and 700m.		
Chance of cloud free summits?	Almost nil, but 20% mid Wales		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Extensively sunless. Visibility extensively poor.		
How Cold? (at 750m)	5C. Will feel as cold as minus 7C directly in the wind.		
Freezing Level	Above the summits.		

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Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 30 April	Wednesday 1 May
How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly speeds may well vary: typically 35-40mph (strongest toward the west) morning. Gradually easing toward 20mph.	Southeasterly between 10 and 20mph: generally strongest in the morning.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking widely arduous on higher areas, and wind chill considerable, although conditions are likely to ease through the afternoon.	Small
How wet?	Rain intermittently	Risk showers afternoon
(Precipitation and its impact)	Periods of rain and drizzle, sometimes heavy, particularly Brecon Bacons and SW Wales. Will begin to clear SW Wales through afternoon and probably further east in evening.	Scattered heavy showers afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Frequently covering higher slopes	Little if any
	SW Wales and Brecon Beacons: fog persistent, sometimes below 300m. Will begin to break up, perhaps substantially later afternoon or evening. Elsewhere: Cloud base typically 350 to 600m, possibly higher east Wales at first,	A few patches after dawn and again temporarily after rain.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine. Visibility often poor in rain, but excellent late in day from southwest.	Patchwork of sun. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at	6C. Will feel as cold as minus 5C directly in	4C rising toward 10C
750m)	the wind.	

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 30 April, 2024

Considerably warmer this week. Rain from time to time, although from Wednesday largely dry in Scotland and perhaps N England - although the risk of bursts of rain, perhaps thunder. Wales will be most prone to further rain. As yet, considerable uncertainty in the detail next weekend, although ensemble of forecast models suggest light wind, fairly warm with some sunshine. Most uncertain is the extent and locations of possible showery rain or thunderstorms.

Forecast issued at 14:45 on Sunday, 28 April, 2024

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