

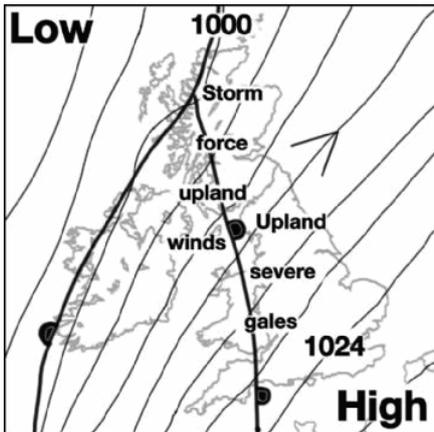
Brecon Beacons

Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales, including highest point in Preseli Hills.



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General Summary for Tuesday, 23 February, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 February, 2021

Active fronts edging east across Britain will bring widespread severe conditions: Storm force upland winds and incessantly heavy rain (initially snow Scottish Highlands) to most western mountains. Conditions a little less severe E/S Wales and S Pennines, where little rain but gales still severe.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Severe gale force upland winds. Increasingly wet, particularly west Wales.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 23 February, 2021

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly, 40 to on highest tops 50mph east Wales, whilst widely 60mph west Wales.
Effect of wind on you?	Rapid increase of speed with height will make walking difficult where exposed on higher terrain, particularly west Wales. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain, most persistent west Wales Particularly morning, most of South Wales probably dry, but increasingly rain 'on and off' west Wales, increasingly reaching Brecon Beacons, but very little elsewhere.
Cloud on the hills?	Forming extensively in rain Most hills initially free of cloud, and possibly remaining so most or all day east Wales. However, as rain develops, cloud lowering to 350 to 600m, but lower Preseli and later Brecon Beacons.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun east and mid Wales. Visibility excellent particularly east Wales but will deteriorate in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	5C. Will feel as cold as minus 11 Celsius directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 24 February	Thursday 25 February
How windy? (On the summits)	South or southwesterly 45, to on highest tops 55mph.	Southwest to westerly 15mph but perhaps at times 20mph highest tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Quickly increasing wind speed with height will make walking widely difficult where exposed on higher areas and wind chill severe.	Small
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Increasing threat of rain Rain; almost incessant across most of South Wales, although some breaks and often light mid Wales.	Rain unlikely Small risk of the odd brief shower.
Cloud on the hills?	Blanket of fog across many hills Confidence low: A sharp transition from cloud free summits in east Wales to extensive fog above 200 to 500m (highest mid Wales) may extend eastwards through the day, possibly enveloping all of Wales by evening.	Very little by late morning Cloud covering higher summits after dawn will almost all clear highest summits by late morning.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine not expected. Widely very poor visibility in rain; hazy at best.	Periods of sunshine. Excellent visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	6C	3C
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 24 February, 2021**

Very much drier later this week as pressure rises markedly, initially across southern Britain. Fronts may bring occasional rain, mainly to the NW highlands (where also windy) until the weekend, but then all areas will probably become dry - and the wind dropping. Temperature wise, the Scottish Munros frequently sub-freezing, but summits elsewhere mostly above freezing point.

Forecast issued at 14:50 on Monday, 22 February, 2021

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