

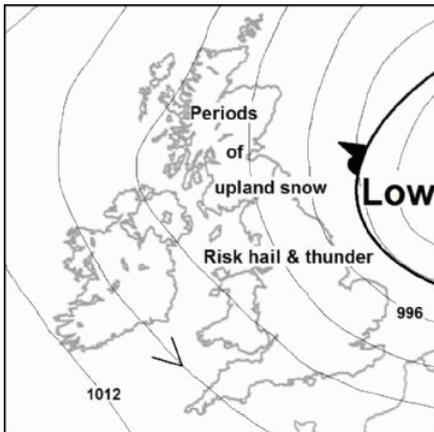
Brecon Beacons

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



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General Summary for Tuesday, 4 May, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 4 May, 2021

Very cold; widely sub-zero on higher slopes. Gales for England & Wales in morning, lessening gradually. Areas of near-constant precipitation for a few hours, snow to low elevations at times. Heavy bursts, hail & thunder. Showers becoming scattered in the Highlands.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Very cold for May. Gales easing. Scattered hail showers.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 4 May, 2021

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly; post dawn 40 to 50mph. Will drop progressively, to 30mph by mid or late afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult walking after dawn, although conditions will ease. Nevertheless, in afternoon sudden buffeting near showers. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, locally frequent with hail; isolated thunder. A scattering of showers, most frequent on western hills in the morning. Hail or snow on highest slopes. By afternoon, showers fairly widespread, mostly brief, but locally heavy. Most frequent mid-Wales. Chance isolated thunder. Some rivers in spate following Monday's rain.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly higher tops Banks of cloud covering many higher slopes from dawn, particularly west Wales. By middle of day, mostly confined to higher summits, but patches below 600m around showers.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun. Abruptly varying visibility: the air generally fairly clear but very poor in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1C, rising a degree or so by afternoon away from showers. Wind chill feeling as cold as -12C in morning, -6C by afternoon.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, though close to summit of Pen-y-Fan in morning, and lowering temporarily in showers.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 5 May	Thursday 6 May
How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly, 15 to 20mph.	Northwesterly or variable 15 to 20mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but feeling distinctly chilly for May where exposed on tops.	Remaining notably chilly where exposed on higher terrain, occasional sudden gusts around showers.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Passing snow showers A few hail and snow showers, mostly brief.	Chance of local showers A little rain or possible hail showers locally, but much of the day may escape often dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Summits frequently cloud free Overall, summits often cloud free, but near precipitation cloud forming 600m upwards.	Often above hills Most summits often clear, but patches will form around showers, locally below 600m for a time.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Intermittent bright sunshine. Frequently excellent or superb visibility.	Occasional sun. The air very clear, but visibility very poor periodically in showers.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1C rising to 3C during the day.	-1C rising toward 2C by afternoon.
Freezing Level	Most terrain at least partly frozen at dawn. By midday freezing level above the summits.	Frost widely from dawn. Rising just above freezing to highest tops.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 5 May, 2021**

Staying remarkably cold for early May, quite possibly into next week in Scotland, whilst some milder air is likely to move across England & Wales from the south by this weekend. Freezing levels often near 900m, and widely frosty lower areas overnight. Areas of hail and snow showers, some heavy with thunder, most widespread in the afternoons.

Another deep Atlantic low is due to move in from the southwest toward the weekend - a threat of widespread upland gales, heavy rain, and further snow some areas.

Forecast issued at 16:50 on Monday, 3 May, 2021

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