

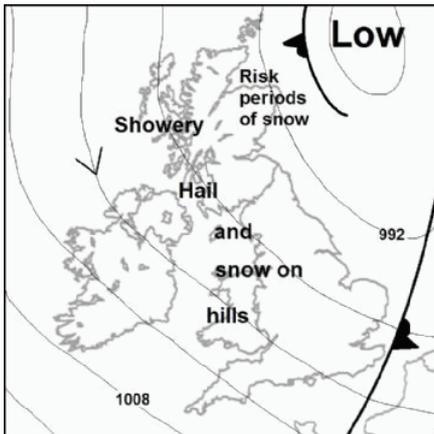
# Brecon Beacons

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



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## General Summary for Saturday, 4 December, 2021



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 4 December, 2021**

Showers running inland from western coasts on strong to gale force W-NW'ly winds, extending into western Peak & Pennines. Local clusters giving frequent hail or hill snow, chance of thunder. Also risk snow for periods N & E Scotland, may move southwards. Much terrain stays frozen above 600-700m, but locally snow to lower elevations.

### Headline for Brecon Beacons

Cold, squally winds. Snow & hail showers, most frequent near west coast.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 4 December, 2021

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	West or northwesterly, may vary, but mostly 35 to 40mph, sudden squally gusts around showers over 50mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Considerable buffeting most of the day, at times difficult walking conditions and significant wind chill on higher terrain.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Showers with hail, snow tops</b> Showers most frequent in western areas, but bands running eastwards through the day. Snow on the mountains, sometimes falling below 500m. Hail, risk of isolated thunder.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mostly higher tops</b> Cloud bases varied, but may often cap higher tops above 700-800m, with some breaks toward south and east. Lowering and forming more widely during showers, below 600m in west Wales.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Glimpses of sun mainly east. Visibility sometimes very good, but very poor in cloud and precipitation.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	0 or -1C. Wind chill in strongest winds around -12C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	650 to 800m, varied around precipitation.

## Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 5 December	Monday 6 December
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Northerly, 40mph risk 50mph from dawn into morning, lessening gradually through afternoon toward 25mph. <b>Expect arduous conditions and significant wind chill in morning, tending to lessen gradually into afternoon.</b>	South veering westerly, often in the range 30 to 50mph, risk 60mph, perhaps a brief lull. <b>Expect frequent buffeting across the hills, sometimes arduous or difficult walking conditions with significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Local showers far west</b> A few showers over the Irish Sea running in from the north across Pembrokeshire, may give sleet or snow on higher tops in Preseli hills for a time. Otherwise generally dry.	<b>Hill snow, then showers with hail</b> A period of upland snowfall is likely early in the day, falling below 400-500m for a time, becoming gradually sleet or rain to higher levels from the west. Followed by clusters of showers, some heavy with hail.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Breaks to most tops</b>  Banks of cloud occasionally covering higher slopes, mostly patches which come and go, with many tops often clearing.  <b>60%</b>	<b>Fairly extensive</b>  Cloud bases changing quickly, but often covering higher terrain through the day, extensive in precipitation. Brief glimpses of higher summits. Sometimes shafts of cloud forming to lower slopes.  <b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Variable cloud and sun. Visibility very good.	Brief if any sun. Visibility sometimes good, but very poor during precipitation, appalling if in snow and cloud.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	-1C, may rise marginally.  700m, or a little higher by afternoon.	-3C tending to rise slowly to -1C.  Initially below 600m, but rising toward 800m or briefly higher.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 5 December, 2021

Most mountain terrain is likely to stay frozen throughout the week ahead. Sometimes freezing conditions to lower slopes, although some day-to-day variations. Wind speed and direction will vary considerably, intermittent lulls, but then a deep low is expected to affect Britain by Tuesday-Wednesday, bringing stormy conditions, perhaps widely. Further lows are likely to follow later in the week. Extensive snowfalls possible on the hills, a mix of snow and rain lower down.

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### Forecast issued at 15:55 on Friday, 3 December, 2021

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