

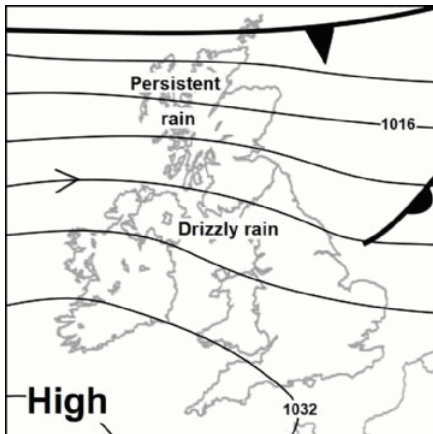
Brecon Beacons

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 Wednesday, 22 November, 2023



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 22 November, 2023

Widespread upland gales, increasingly severe Scottish mountains. Least windy south Wales. Rain and drizzle most of the day western Scotland, heaviest northwest. Patchy rain or drizzle elsewhere, driest in easternmost areas. Extensive low cloud, lowest west. Above freezing to all tops.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Windy, becoming near-gales on tops. Drizzle in the wind west.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 22 November, 2023

How windy? (On the summits)	West to northwesterly 20 to 35mph, speeds increasing during day, becoming gusty through elevated passes. Speeds typically highest toward mid-Wales.
Effect of wind on you?	Starting fairly small, ease of walking becoming impeded on higher terrain with marked wind chill. Gusts starting to affect balance on some slopes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy drizzle west Substantially dry many areas, but damp over western Cambrian hills with periods of drizzle windward areas. More often dry further south and east across Brecon Beacons.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied fog, risk extensive west Some or many hills may start clear, patchy mist possible in valleys. Increasing likelihood of low cloud filling in across the hills, particularly in western Wales, risk becoming more widespread.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, occasional sun toward east. Slight haze, visibility reduced in drizzle.
How Cold? (at 750m)	4C rising 7C. Wind chill feels like -3 to 5C on tops.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 23 November	Friday 24 November
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly 35 to 50mph, speeds likely peaking afternoon into evening, risk 60mph for a time, then only lessening Arduous walking conditions on tops, increasingly becoming difficult and wind chill significant where exposed.	North to northwesterly 30mph, risk 40mph high tops in morning, easing a little during day. Considerable buffeting across the hills, affecting comfortable walking on higher tops. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly rain mostly west Patchy drizzly rain, most frequent west Wales. Mostly spots in the wind. Then evening into night, a belt of steadier rain for an hour or so passing southwards.	Occasional showers, snow tops A few showers coming in from the northwest, mostly brief and well scattered, falling as snow on higher tops.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive Shrouding western hills throughout the day, lowest near west coast, to mid-slopes. Higher bases further east, often capping tops, some breaks.	Occasionally capping tops Banks of cloud likely to drift across higher slopes for periods, most common on western hills. Good breaks toward southeast of Brecon.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, glimpses of sun mainly east. Hazy western areas, better visibility east.	Patchwork of cloud and sunshine. Visibility often excellent, reduced briefly in showers.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	7C, then into night starting to drop, toward 0C before dawn on Friday. Wind chill feeling like -4 to -7C. Above the summits until well into the night, then lowering near to freezing on highest tops.	0 to 2C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C. Close to freezing on highest summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 23 November, 2023**

Much colder air moves in from the northwest Thursday into Friday - a significant rapid drop of freezing level to leave all mountains sub-zero. Showers with hail and snow falling to lower elevations in Scotland. Staying chilly into the weekend, but a good deal of dry and sunny weather with high pressure extending over Britain. Hard frost overnight into valleys and glens. Wind speeds tending to ease into Saturday. Lower confidence by Sunday as weak fronts may push in from the west bringing snow flurries or drizzly rain near to west coasts. Precipitation amounts likely to be fairly small into next week, staying on the cooler side, some variation of temperature, but mostly near or below freezing on high tops.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Tuesday, 21 November, 2023

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