

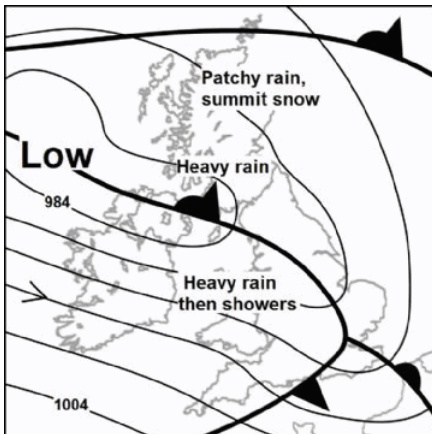
Brecon Beacons

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 Saturday, 9 December, 2023



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 9 December, 2023

Patchy rain and snow on higher Scottish tops push north over the Highlands. Heavy rain sets in across south & central Scotland. Heavy rain moves across England and Wales in the morning, followed by showers. Varied winds, fairly light much of Scotland, but increasing upland gales for England, severe for Wales.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Increasingly severe gales. Heavy rain then showery bursts.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 9 December, 2023

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly 20 to 30mph at first, but soon turning westerly strengthening rapidly 50 to 60mph, reaching 70mph with stronger gusts into the afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Soon becoming difficult with significant wind chill and buffeting. Increasingly severe conditions as day progresses.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy rain soon clearing to showers. Heavy rain before dawn, will soon clear after dawn to the east. Then dry for a time, but not long until heavy showers push in from the west. Risk thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Cloud will shroud the hills extensively for much of daylight hours, despite a rise in bases to upper slopes as the day progresses.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly overcast, but some patchy sun perhaps breaking through afternoon. Visibility often poor due to rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	7C later falling to 4C, but will feel closer to -10C in direct exposure to strongest winds.
Freezing Level	Above the summits

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 10 December	Monday 11 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly, 35 to 50mph, risk of strengthening further to 60mph+, especially later in the day. Arduous or difficult walking conditions and significant wind chill over higher terrain much of the day. Risk becoming severe.	Expect westerly gales 50-60mph+ from before dawn, likely to ease into daytime to 20-30mph, perhaps less afternoon. Beware challenging conditions at least early in day, may remain blustery and chilly much of daylight, some improvement.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy rain Rain starting from before dawn, soon heavy and persistent, continuous falls lasting several hours into morning. Likely to break up into middle of day, but showery bursts follow, rain may remain frequent.	Showery rain in west Overnight rain likely to clear, but showery conditions likely to continue for west Wales. Occasional showers elsewhere, a mix of drizzle and some steadier rain.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Extensive Blanket low cloud across the hills, from mid or low elevations upward toward south and west. Highest bases eastern mid-Wales. May start to break and rise late in the day. 10%	Often covering high tops Cloud likely to shroud many higher areas all day, lowest bases in western areas. Some breaks eastward toward the Black Mountains and mid-Wales. 30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull. Visibility poor due to rain.	Largely cloudy, glimpses of sun toward east. Visibility good out of cloud, but reduced in showers.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	4C rising to 6C. Wind chill feeling like -10C on tops. Above the summits with any pockets of snow on high tops very wet and continuing to thaw.	4C. Wind chill risk feeling as cold as -10C at first, near -5C all day if exposed to wind. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 10 December, 2023

Areas of low pressure dominate into the weekend and early next week bringing unsettled conditions as a series of fronts circulate over Britain. Periods of heavy rain, with snow over higher mountains in Scotland as tops stay near or just below freezing point. Some freeze-thaw higher up, but mid-heights generally above freezing - very wet underfoot due to rain and snowmelt, beware flooding of streams and rivers. Most tops in England and Wales above freezing with terrain not frozen apart from local snow pockets. Generally windy, gales or severe gales at times over the tops - strongest speeds most sustained for England and Wales. Least windy in northern Scotland.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Friday, 8 December, 2023

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