

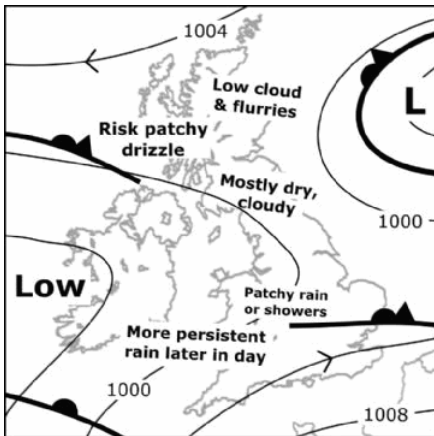
Brecon Beacons

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 Thursday, 4 April, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 4 April, 2024

Chilly northeasterlies across the Highlands, but wind speeds tending to ease. Sub-zero temperatures across the mountains all day. A lot of low cloud, patchy snow flurries, locally drizzly. Mostly dry for northern England, some cloud breaks. Patchy rain for Wales, later turning wetter as SW'ly winds freshen; gales by dusk.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Brisk winds strengthening. Occasional rain, setting in later.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 4 April, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	South to southwesterly, 20 to 30mph, tending to strengthen, 35mph by late afternoon. By evening into night, 50mph with stronger gusts on higher tops.
Effect of wind on you?	At times fairly small, but risk blustery for periods on higher terrain. Likely to deteriorate by dusk onward.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery, heavy rain into evening Rain on and off, showery bursts possible with hail for a time, fading out. During afternoon, more persistent rain developing from the southwest, becoming constant heavy rain by evening, and onward into night.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied, mostly higher tops Banks of cloud drifting over higher slopes, locally lower early morning. Breaks for periods toward tops, best in east and mid-Wales. Lowering later in rain from south.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy, glimpses of sun, visibility good for a time. Later increasingly overcast and dull.
How Cold? (at 750m)	4C rising to 7C by late afternoon, then may rise slightly more into night. Wind chill feeling like -5C on high tops.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Friday 5 April	Saturday 6 April
<p>How windy? (On the summits)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>South to southwesterly 35 to 45mph, speeds likely to vary, but risk strengthening further. 60-70mph+ into</p> <p>Arduous conditions on the hills much of the day, powerful gusts on exposed tops. Considerable wind chill.</p>	<p>Southerly 50 to 60mph, reaching 70mph with stronger gusts on higher tops; continuing into night.</p> <p>Very difficult conditions over the hills, severe around higher summits, gusts may blow you over even at mid-heights.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Patchy drizzle; more rain later</p> <p>Drizzly rain and brief showers, mostly morning for Pembrokeshire, western Cambrians and at times Brecon Beacons where in cloud. Mostly dry afternoon. Further heavy rain by evening into night.</p>	<p>Rain on and off, heavy at times</p> <p>Pulses of rain throughout the day, at times heavy. May break up to be intermittently dry, mainly east & mid-Wales. Into the night, showery bursts with hail.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p>	<p>Fairly extensive</p> <p>Covering many hills, lowest and most persistent west and south of Brecon. Higher cloud bases toward the Black Mountains northwards. Improving with bases lifting into afternoon.</p>	<p>Changing quickly, brief breaks</p> <p>Cloud bases will vary, covering the hills widely in rain. Possibly breaking up briefly for periods to higher summits, but lowering again abruptly. Breaks best toward east.</p>
<p>Chance of cloud free summits?</p>	<p>10% west; 30% rising to 50% east.</p>	<p>30%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Mostly cloudy, murky western areas. Some brighter skies eastern mid-Wales. General slight haze.</p>	<p>Mostly cloudy, brief bursts of sun. General haze, visibility poor in rain; occasional improvements.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 750m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>6C, to local 8C east and mid-Wales. Wind chill feeling like -5C on high tops.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>	<p>Briefly as high as 10C early morning; falling to 4C afternoon, by evening 2C. Wind chill falling toward -10C.</p> <p>Above the summits.</p>

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 5 April, 2024

Very unsettled into the weekend and likely next week, influenced by deep areas of low pressure centred west or northwest of Britain. Southerly gales, sustained storm-force speeds across higher mountains throughout Saturday and Sunday. Temperature rising above freezing to highest tops into Saturday, plus heavy rain sweeping north - a period of thaw across the Highlands. Cooler by Sunday, the freezing level back to 1000-1200m, then varying temperatures for the week ahead. Frequent precipitation continuing, focused on western mountains, at times persistent rainfall, intermittently snow on higher Scottish tops, plus showers with hail. Periods of strong winds continue, risk further upland gales.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Wednesday, 3 April, 2024

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