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, 3 July, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 3 July, 2024

Wet day for most in the mountains, with low cloud and often windy conditions. Particularly in Scotland murky and chilly winds, persistent rain in the west, on and off in the east Highlands. In England frequent rain spells, in Wales mostly showers on the western coastal hills, fading toward the evening.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Showers, mostly west. Moderate breeze, very little sun

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 3 July, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwest turning westerly, 20 to 30mph, gusts up to 40mph higher areas.		
Effect of wind on you?	Impeded walking and affected stability on higher hills in exposed terrain. Feeling chilly.		
How wet?	Showers, more persistent rain westwards		
(Precipitation and its impact)	On Western Cambrian Mountains rain and drizzle on and off much of the day, becoming dry in the evening. Smaller amounts eastwards, toward Black Mountains only brief light showers.		
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive		
	Covering the mountains widely, lowest and most persistent cloud toward the west coast. Some breaks in the east. Bases tending to rise later in daytime.		
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%		
Sunshine?	Overcast most of the day, improving late afternoon with a few breaks.		
Air clarity (below cloud)	Visibility poor at times due to rain, some improvements, more often good in east.		
How Cold? (at 750m)	9 to 11C. Wind chill feeling near freezing on tops.		
Freezing Level	Above the summits		

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Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 4 July	Friday 5 July
How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 20 to 30mph, gusting over 40mph.	Southwesterly 10 to 25mph, gusting 30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Affects stability, walking impeded. Considerable wind chill.	Fairly small.
How wet?	Risk of showers	Rain moving in afternoon
(Precipitation and its impact)	Chance for a shower on the Western Cambrian Mountains, most likely dry elsewhere.	Rain moving in from the southwest, uncertain timing, probably afternoon. Becoming persistent and at times intense.
Cloud on the hills?	Hills often covered	Hills mostly covered
	In the morning fog on various levels, later only partly breaking clouds, staying on most higher tops, especially those close to Cardigan Bay at times. Perhaps clearing Brecon Beacons afternoon.	Highest tops likely in clouds all day, lower slopes and tops below ~700m possibly clear, patches of clouds building lower in and after rain.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Scattered sun at times, best toward Black Mountains.	Mostly overcast.
	Good visibility away from the coast.	Poor visibility through low clouds.
How Cold? (at 750m)	6 to 9C. Feeling around -5C due to strong wind chill.	7-9C
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 4 July, 2024

Cooling in the night to Thursday, with sleet falling on highest Scottish peaks. A trough arriving on Thursday to Scotland brings another wet day on the Highlands with upland gales. England and Wales, although very windy and gusty, should get some sun between common showers, perhaps excluding Lake District and North Pennines, where clouds and rain still dominate. Damp, but generally much drier on Friday, some rain still in West and Northwest Highlands, in Brecon Beacons, Snowdonia and Peak District. Uncertain development further on, most likely fairly cold for the season. Chance for fine conditions during the weekend but unstable air may cause locally heavy showers or thunderstorms.

Forecast issued at 14:10 on Tuesday, 2 July, 2024

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