

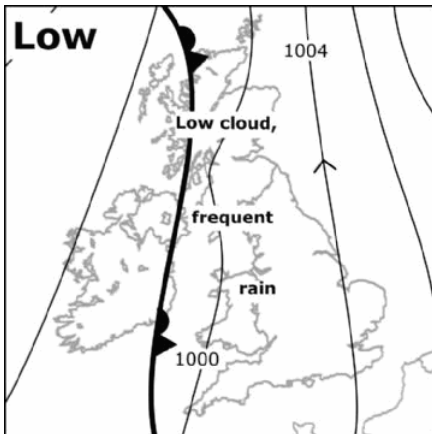
Brecon Beacons

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, 16 October, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 October, 2024

Gale force southerly winds, very gusty over the mountains, lessening from the west. Generally wet with low cloud across all regions, but northwestern Scotland seeing smallest amounts of rain, locally dry for periods. Some heavier periods of rain extending northwards over England, Wales & southern Scotland.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Strongest winds easing. Rain and low cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 16 October, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	South later southwesterly; tending to ease through day, from 30 to 40mph after dawn into morning, toward 20-25mph by afternoon. Very gusty, but lessening with time.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable buffeting and wind chill where exposed in the morning. Sudden powerful gusts, sometimes on lower slopes. Improving gradually during day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Raining most of day Frequent or persistent rain and drizzle, some heavier pulses of rain advancing northwards lasting an hour or more. Very wet underfoot following heavy rain overnight, streams in spate, risk local flooding in south.
Cloud on the hills?	Mountains persistently cloud covered Cloud base widely between 300m and 400m. Basse a little higher at times mid Wales, but on slopes toward the south coast, will form on lowest slopes.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and generally dull. Frequently misty as visibility reduced by rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	12C. Will feel close to freezing point directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 17 October	Friday 18 October
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	South to southwesterly, 15 to 25mph, strongest toward west, tending to increase a little during day. Fairly small, but may start to affect balance at times on exposed higher summits.	South to southwesterly, starting 15-25mph, deteriorating, afternoon 35-45mph on tops, toward west 50mph. Considerable buffeting, increasingly arduous especially toward west, comfortable walking affected. Feeling chilly.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Occasional light showers west Substantially dry much of Brecon Beacons NP and east Wales. Pockets of drizzle around west coastal hills, mainly Pembrokeshire, brief light showers, may be more frequent here later.	Dry start, afternoon rain, intensifying Likely dry morning, rain moving in around noon, becoming persistent and toward the evening increasingly heavy.
Cloud on the hills?	Low cloud/fog, lifting slowly Varied banks of low cloud, plus fog in some valleys from dawn - some tops may start above/between fog banks. Cloud slowly tending to disperse into afternoon, some patches may remain toward west.	Mostly extensive, deteriorating Cloud rolling over the hills, tops widely covered, cloud down to lower slopes in south and west, some breaks on the northern slopes. Afternoon cloud becoming very extensive everywhere.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20% rising to 70%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Areas of poor visibility on hills for several hours from dawn, improving to give occasional sun and improving visibility.	Glimpses of sun northern side of Brecon Beacons, but generally very little or no sun at all. Often poor visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	8 to 10C. Above the summits	8 to 12C, warmer toward evening, but strong winds make it feel below freezing. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 17 October, 2024

South to southwesterly winds will prevail over the next week or more, bringing mild or very mild temperatures, but an unsettled outlook with periods of rain, heavy at times. Temperatures will stay above freezing to higher tops, so recent snow cover will all thaw. Generally least rain toward north-northwest Scotland (north of about Torridon). Thursday is drier for many places. Rain on and off onward into the weekend. Frequently windy on the hills - Friday and then Sunday likely to be the windiest days during the week ahead - reaching storm-force winds on higher mountains. Next week, higher pressure may expand over England and Wales at least for periods.

Forecast issued at 13:10 on Tuesday, 15 October, 2024

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