

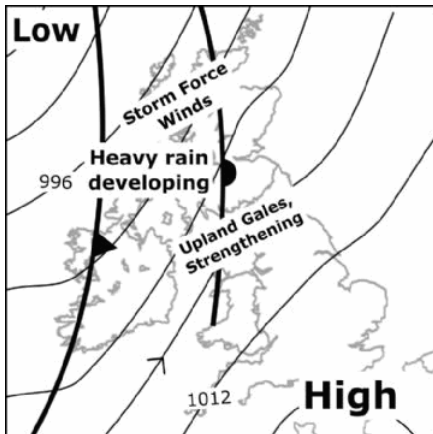
# Brecon Beacons

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 Friday, 18 October, 2024



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 18 October, 2024**

Southerly winds strengthening for all regions, widely upland gales, reaching storm-force on higher Scottish mountains. Rain extending in from the west becoming persistent, heavier over west and southwest Scotland. Lowest cloud on south-facing hills.

### Headline for Brecon Beacons

Increasingly windy, reaching gale force. Patchy drizzly rain.

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 18 October, 2024

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southerly, starting 20-25mph, strongest west Wales. Will strengthen by afternoon to widely 30mph, up to 40mph on highest tops, particularly Cambrian range.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Starting fairly small, but deteriorating to make walking strenuous, or increasingly difficult with marked wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Rain mainly afternoon west Wales</b> Morning: Pockets of drizzly rain here and there, becoming more persistent toward midday west Wales. Afternoon: More widely drizzly, occasional bursts of rain. Little reaching east Wales. Wetter by evening in west.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive, deteriorating</b> Cloud base typically 450 to 650m, highest mid Wales, although here and there patches on lower slopes. In afternoon, cloud base will lower in rain, forming on lowest slopes toward south facing coast in SW Wales.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>50% dropping to 10%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Glimpses of sun morning, becoming overcast and dull later from west. Generally hazy, good visibility mainly east.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	8 to 10C, rising slightly afternoon, but strong winds make it feel below freezing.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.

## Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 19 October	Sunday 20 October
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	South to southwesterly 20mph, easing into afternoon, easing briefly into afternoon, but strengthening into night.  <b>Small.</b>	Southerly, 40 to 55mph, may locally intensify to 60mph on highest tops.  <b>Walking difficult, becoming hardly possible on highest tops, even lower down arduous conditions. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Little or no rain</b>  Overnight rain may leave patchy residual drizzle after dawn on western hills, fading. Otherwise, risk of the odd shower west Wales.	<b>Heavy rain, later showers</b>  Fairly persistent rain, often heavy during the morning. Showery rain becoming more scattered toward the evening. Very wet underfoot, possible local flooding.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>    <b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Mostly clearing</b>  Broadly cloud base rising through morning to above 800m. But lower base probable in SW Wales where cloud may come and go above 450 to 550m.  <b>70%</b>	<b>Extensive</b>  Shrouding the mountains most or all day, often to mid-elevations, or lower on south-facing slopes. Bases lifting a little into the afternoon. Highest bases toward eastern mid-Wales, but rarely clearing high tops.  <b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of sun; although mostly cloudy SW Wales Hazy.	Overcast: glimpses of sun mainly afternoon. A general haze, visibility poor in constant rain.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	8C.  Above the summits.	8C, briefly up to 10C, tending to lower in afternoon. Feeling near -5C directly in the wind. Above the summits

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 19 October, 2024

South to southwesterly winds will prevail through the weekend and early next week with centres of low pressure passing northwest of Scotland. Unsettled and windy, upland gales or at times stormy over the mountains. Periods of rain, heaviest and most persistent over western mountains. Temperatures will fluctuate, often fairly mild, some cooler days at least for Scotland, but staying above freezing to highest tops, so no remaining lying snow. Into midweek, higher pressure over England and Wales gives some drier conditions here. Subtle pattern changes later in the week may alter the prevailing wind direction, but low pressure nearby maintains an unsettled outlook.

### Forecast issued at 15:48 on Thursday, 17 October, 2024

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