

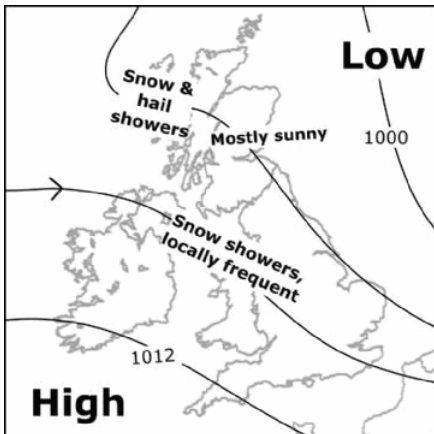
Brecon Beacons

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, 22 November, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 22 November, 2024

Cold northwesterly winds continue, strongest over England and Wales, bringing significant chill factor over higher terrain. Snow and hail showers focused near to western coasts, some moving inland, but generally dry central and eastern areas with sunshine. Snow cover most substantial in northwestern Scotland.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 22 November, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly, 25 to 40mph, slowly easing through the day.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous on exposed higher terrain. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Morning showers western hills Showers heaviest near the west coast, only occasionally in Brecon Beacons. Below 400m rain, higher up sleet or snow. Showers becoming very rare in the afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Patches on tops mostly west Low cloud on various levels where snow is falling. If dry (most often east Wales), hills most likely clear.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun possible between periods of overcast sky and temporary whiteouts in showers.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 or -1C, feeling like -10C in wind.
Freezing Level	600 to 700m. Also frost in morning sheltered inland valleys.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 23 November	Sunday 24 November
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	South turning southwesterly 40 to 60mph, high variability in time and space; powerful gusts to lower slopes. Difficult conditions on many hills, hard to maintain balance; any mobility hardly possible on exposed high terrain.	Southwesterly 50-60mph, but south-facing mountains will see 65 - 70mph. Any mobility tortuous. Easily blown over and requires crawling. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snowfall, soon heavy rain Snowfall from before dawn, at times heavy, but soon changing into rainfall. Rain continues to be intense, Very wet underfoot by the end of the day, with additionally melting snow, streams in spate, flooding possible.	Frequent or persistent rain Persistent heavy rain across all mountains, particularly on south and southwest facing slopes. Clearing to the east in the afternoon, though showers will follow.
Cloud on the hills?	Hills covered extensively Hills fully covered, very likely all day, to lower slopes in heavy precipitation.	Extensive low cloud Extensive cloud associated with heavy rain throughout the day. Cloud base likely to stay low around 600m, often lower on south/west facing hills.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Almost nil	Below 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, zero visibility, whiteout at first; visibility staying very poor even as rain develops.	Overcast, poor visibility in the rain
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	-1C rising to +10C 300-600m around dawn inland, but soon rising rapidly to well above all summits.	2-3C, slightly warmer around dawn. Feeling -18C in the wind. Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 23 November, 2024**

A stormy weekend as a deep Atlantic low moves in, sustained gales from low elevations upward, hurricane-force over higher terrain. A period of heavy snowfall abruptly turning to rain from the southwest as a warm front arrives - the freezing level lifting above higher mountain summits by Saturday evening. By Sunday, Scottish tops back to freezing point. Next week, windy and showery on Monday, then higher pressure tries to expand over Britain bringing drier conditions, with temperatures nearer the seasonal average compared to the current very cold spell. Some occasional rain and milder air later in the week.

Forecast issued at 16:43 on Thursday, 21 November, 2024

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