

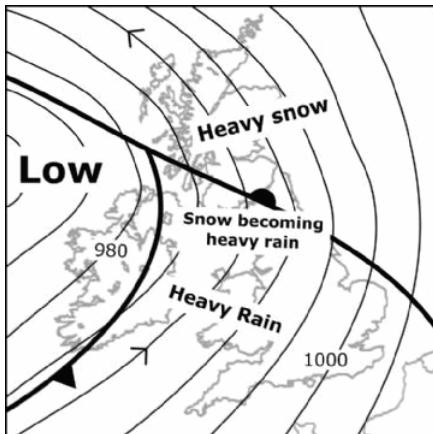
# Brecon Beacons

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 Saturday, 23 November, 2024



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 23 November, 2024

Severe weather widely with storm-force upland winds; heavy snow over the Highlands giving sustained blizzard conditions to lower elevations. A rapid switch from snow to rain up to high tops for northern England, already by dawn in Wales - here prolonged heavy rain with flooding likely.

#### Headline for Brecon Beacons

Severe gales. Heavy rain lasting all day, flooding.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 23 November, 2024

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	South turning southwesterly 50 to 60mph, at times 70mph higher tops; powerful gusts to lower slopes.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Difficult conditions on many hills, hard to maintain balance; any mobility hardly possible on exposed high terrain.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Heavy rain, flood risk</b> Snowfall on tops before dawn, but changing into heavy rain up to tops by first light. Rain continues to be intense much of day, may ease a little later, but further heavy rain evening into night. Very wet underfoot, streams rising quickly to be in spate, some flooding.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Hills covered extensively</b> Hills fully covered, very likely all day, to lower slopes in south and west-facing areas.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Almost nil</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Overcast. Visibility very poor.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	Rising from 0C before dawn, soon to +5C in morning, then +10C afternoon onward.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	300-600m around dawn inland, but soon rising rapidly to well above all summits.

## Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 24 November	Monday 25 November
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly 50 to 60mph, but south-facing mountains often 65-70mph.	Southwest turning westerly, 45 to 60mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Very difficult conditions. Easily blown over and requires crawling. Significant wind chill.</b>	<b>Difficult conditions across exposed higher terrain. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Frequent or persistent rain</b> Persistent heavy rain across all mountains, particularly on south and southwest facing slopes. Clearing to the east in the afternoon, though showers will follow.	<b>Showery with hail</b> Showery rain, may fall as sleet or wet snow on very highest summits. Heavy bursts with hail, particularly nearer to western coasts, chance isolated lightning.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive low cloud</b>  Extensive cloud associated with heavy rain throughout the day. Cloud base likely to stay low around 600m, often lower on south/west facing hills.	<b>Varied over the tops</b>  Cloud base rapidly changing, mostly confined to hills above 600 to 800m, lowest over western hills and in showers. Some higher breaks furthest east.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Below 10%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, poor visibility in the rain	Rare glimpses of sun mainly east. Visibility briefly good, though slight haze; suddenly very poor due to precipitation.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	3C, slightly warmer around dawn. Feeling like -10 to -15C in the wind.	3C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits	Above the summits.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 24 November, 2024

A powerful area of low pressure continues to influence all areas Sunday into Monday, bringing sustained gales from lower hills upward, storm-force on higher mountains. After a rapid period of thaw in all areas late Saturday, by Sunday-Monday the Scottish high tops are back just below freezing point. Frequent showery rain, or snow on the Munros, most persistent in the west. Into midweek, higher pressure tries to expand over Britain bringing drier conditions, with temperatures nearer the seasonal average compared to the current very cold spell. Periods of rain and milder southerly air later in the week - above freezing to all tops. Early December shows signs of chillier northerlies returning.

### Forecast issued at 16:00 on Friday, 22 November, 2024

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