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Brecon Beacons

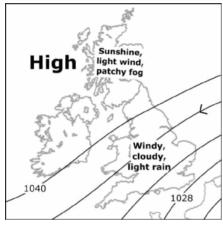




Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.

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General Summary for Monday, 9 December, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 9 December, 2024

Calm and sunny conditions for the Highlands, some fog in the glens, plus frost. Chilly northeasterly winds for England & Wales, bringing cloud banks onto eastern hills and locally an odd light shower; dry and often sunny western areas.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Windy, gales on tops; feeling cold. Largely dry, sun mainly west.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 9 December, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Northeasterly 35 to 45mph, strongest Brecon Beacons to Black Mountains.		
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous or difficult on higher areas; in places sudden gusts reaching lower slopes. Significant wind chill.		
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rare brief light showers Often dry, a few spots in the wind or an odd light brief shower toward east Wales, mainly afternoon.		
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly highest tops and in east		
	Cloud likely to come and go particularly eastern hills, by late morning, above 700m. May lower on eastern hills later afternoon.		
Chance of cloud free summits?	70%		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy eastern areas, sun in west Wales mainly morning. Very good visibility.		
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C. Will feel like -10C directly in the wind.		
Freezing Level	Above the summits.		

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Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 10 December	Wednesday 11 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly 25 to 30mph.	Easterly 20-25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable wind chill and at times significant buffeting in the gusty wind, including on some lower slopes.	Breezy over higher slopes, locally gusty, feeling cold in exposure.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain	Very likely dry
Cloud on the hills?	Patches may shroud higher slopes	Patchy fog some slopes
	Patches may affect slopes above 700m at times.	Fog in some valleys, possible cloud banks drifting over some eastern hills, risk more frequently covering Black Mountains, some high tops may be above cloud.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy cloud toward east, sunshine best in west. Visibility very good.	Sunshine best toward west, cloudier east. Visibility very good, but misty some areas.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1C. Wind chill feeling like -8C.	Near 0C, although some western slopes a degree or so warmer.
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Around 800m, but also some frost in sheltered valleys in morning.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 10 December, 2024

High pressure centred over Scotland will dominate the weather until later this week. Winds gradually ease over England and Wales, whilst almost calm across much of Scotland. It will be extensively dry. Frost in valleys and glens most night, plus areas of low-level fog. Higher terrain substantially frozen, although air temperature will be several degrees above freezing above an inversion. Toward next weekend, as the high weakens and moves south, rain bearing fronts and stronger winds will increasingly affect at least northern Britain. Temperatures likely to fluctuate with some periods of thaw, but possibly still often sub-zero at least on Scottish mountains during mid-December.

Forecast issued at 15:15 on Sunday, 8 December, 2024

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