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Brecon Beacons

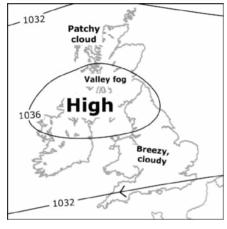




Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.

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General Summary for Wednesday, 11 December, 2024



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 11 December, 2024

Sunshine and little wind for Scotland, some areas of low-level fog; extensive snow cover over the mountains. Above an inversion, air temperature on tops above freezing, but hard frost into the glens. A chilly easterly breeze for England and Wales; sunshine best near west coasts, cloudier eastwards.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Chilly gusty wind. Cloudy but largely dry, some sun west.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 11 December, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly 25-30mph, stronger gusts some slopes and elevated passes.		
Effect of wind on you?	Breezy over higher slopes, may affect comfortable walking in places, marked wind chill.		
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Very likely dry Chance of brief fine drizzle if in cloud on eastern hills.		
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly eastern hills Cloud banks drifting over some eastern hills, risk more frequently covering Black Mountains above 600m. Western hills generally clear.		
Chance of cloud free summits?	70%		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine best toward west, cloudier east. Visibility very good.		
How Cold? (at 750m)	Near 0C, although some western slopes a degree or so warmer. Feeling near -10C in the wind.		
Freezing Level	800m, rime forming on higher slopes.		

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Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 12 December	Friday 13 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on	Easterly 15mph to gusty 25mph on some slopes, particularly just west of major summits. Fairly small, but feeling blustery and	Variable or southeasterly 5-10mph or less. Negligible
you?	gusty on some slopes.	Negligible
How wet?	Damp air	Feeling damp
(Precipitation and its impact)	Fine drizzle on some slopes, may feel persistently damp toward east.	Damp air where in cloud. Local pockets of steadier drizzle.
Cloud on the hills?	Risk extensive fog	Extensive
	Fog likely shrouding the hills widely from lower slopes upwards, particularly eastern areas. Toward west, cloud base higher on the hills, some breaks possible locally.	Shrouding the hills widely with banks of cloud at various elevations, possibly foggy from many lower slopes upward. Higher bases and local breaks west Cambrians.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Cloudy, risk widely misty over the hills, some sun occasionally toward west, visibility locally good below cloud.	Overcast and dull much of region, glimpses of sun possibly toward west coast. Hazy or misty.
How Cold? (at 750m)	3C (small variation with height). Feeling like -5C if exposed to breeze.	2C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Near freezing point on higher slopes.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 12 December, 2024

High pressure weakens beyond midweek, allowing fog banks to drift higher up on the hills, local pockets of drizzle forming. As the inversion situation fades, temperatures will fall back to freezing on higher terrain by Friday and Saturday; some snow flurries as northwesterly winds develop. Stronger westerly winds by Sunday, severe gales likely at least on Scottish mountains. Milder for a few days Sunday into early next week with thawing, rain focused on western Scotland, low cloud widely on western hills. Varied temperatures later next week, but greater uncertainty of weather detail by then. Indications favour higher pressure returning toward the Christmas period.

Forecast issued at 15:45 on Tuesday, 10 December, 2024

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