

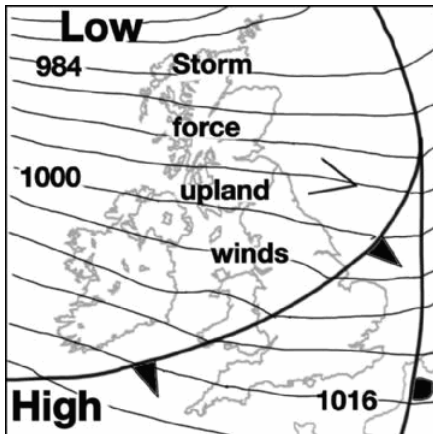
Brecon Beacons

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, 21 December, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 December, 2024

Widespread storm force upland winds, strongest far north, around an intense low centred north of Scotland. Snow showers very frequent across W and NW Scotland; whilst further south showers, of snow only on higher tops. Overnight rain will clear Wales from the north morning and middle of day.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Gale or severe gale force upland wind. Rain and low cloud later clearing.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 21 December, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 45 to on higher tops 55mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable buffeting at times on lower slopes, whilst higher up severe wind chill and mobility often difficult. You could be blown over.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain easing to showers Overnight rain clearing mid Wales around middle of day and then south Wales into the afternoon. The odd shower will follow.
Cloud on the hills?	Very extensive most of day - improving markedly afternoon Morning: Fog covering the mountains, in west Wales from lower slopes. Will improve from north early afternoon as most cloud becomes confined above 700m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Almost nil morning to in afternoon rising to 80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine. Hazy with visibility poor in rain, but becoming mostly very good from north afternoon.
How Cold? (at 750m)	6C, dropping to 4C afternoon. Will feel as cold as minus 11C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	By dusk dropping close to highest summits.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 22 December	Monday 23 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Northwesterly 55mph; particularly gusty near precipitation. Arduous walking on lower slopes, whilst higher up severe wind chill and any mobility challenging, particularly near precipitation.	Northwest backing westerly; easing from 30, perhaps 35mph at first, perhaps temporarily 25mph. Anticipate periods of considerable wind chill and arduous walking.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, snow higher areas Snow and hail showers, sometimes frequent; mostly rain below 400, later 500m. Least precipitation east Wales, where frequently dry.	Rain spreading east The odd snow shower morning. Rain spreading east later morning or middle of day (timing uncertain).
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Extensive on higher areas Near precipitation cloud sometimes below 400m particularly west Wales, but breaks to 750m. Summits in east Wales may well frequently clear. 40%	Deteriorating as cloud later envelops lower slopes Moderate confidence of cloud lifting to or above 750m east Wales for a few hours. But anticipate deterioration as rain approaches: cloud filling in from many lower slopes up west Wales and 500m elsewhere. 40% dropping from west to 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine, mainly east Wales; only occasional sun west. Very varied visibility, sometimes excellent, but appalling in snow.	Little or no sunshine as cloud thickens from west. Visibility very good; later poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	0C, may rise marginally through the day. Will feel as cold as minus 18C directly in the wind. 700m.	0C, perhaps 4C before dusk. Will feel as cold as minus 79C directly in the wind. Near or increasingly above highest tops.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 22 December, 2024

A change in the weather pattern from Tuesday as high pressure progressively envelops Wales and England. Here, as in S Scotland, extensively dry and much less windy. Mild - although frost in valleys some nights. Still windy Scottish Highlands, here very mild with lying snow substantially melting. Rain frequent NW Highlands, and less so W Highlands. Further east little or no rain.

Forecast issued at 12:04 on Friday, 20 December, 2024

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