

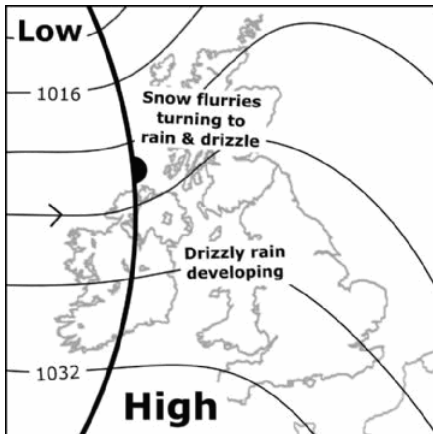
Brecon Beacons

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, 23 December, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 December, 2024

A warm front arriving from the west brings rain preceded by snow or freezing rain on higher slopes - later much milder, well above freezing to all tops. A brief lull, but winds strengthening during the day in Scotland. Windy from dawn Pennines & Wales then a brief lull develops here during day.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Wind increases again later. Rain and drizzle develops.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 23 December, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwest turning westerly; 20 to 30mph, least wind around late morning.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small lower summits, but periods of considerable wind chill and walking markedly impeded by the wind.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain developing afternoon The odd shower, snow above 600m western hills around dawn. Occasional rain, or temporarily snow or refrozen rain above 650m, spreading slowly east middle of day into afternoon.
Cloud on the hills?	Deteriorating as cloud later envelops lower slopes Cloud lifting off the summit, particularly east Wales for most of the day . Deteriorating as cloud lowers onto the hills later in rain.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70% later dropping from west to 20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine as cloud thickens from west. Visibility very good; later poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0C rising slowly through afternoon, 3C from dusk, 8C+ into night. Will feel as cold as minus 8C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Near or in afternoon increasingly above highest tops.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 24 December	Wednesday 25 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 15 but on some slopes 20 to perhaps 25mph.	Southwesterly 20 to 25mph, local gusty 30mph some higher summits.
Effect of wind on you?	Often fairly small, but sudden gusts in places, including on some lower slopes.	Blustery conditions over exposed higher terrain, gusts may affect balance in places. Marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly, mainly west Wales Drizzle frequent Cambrian and Preseli. Elsewhere, drizzle rare - if any.	Damp air west Feeling damp with fine drizzle where in cloud, mostly western Cambrians, sometimes western Brecon Beacons.
Cloud on the hills?	Blanket of cloud across even most lower slopes. Cloud base widely below 300m Cambrian and Preseli. Eastward, the cloud a little higher, but rarely above 600m.	Extensive Blanket cloud from lower slopes upward toward coasts, above 400-500m inland, local higher breaks eastern mid-Wales.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Less than 10%	Below 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine rarely coming through some valleys, mainly east Wales. Poor visibility west Wales, particularly in drizzle, but very good or excellent easternmost Wales.	Overcast and dull, locally brighter east. Misty many areas; visibility locally good out of cloud east.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	9C. Will feel close to freezing point where exposed to the wind Above the summits.	8C, locally warmer eastern areas. Wind chill makes it feel near to freezing. Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 24 December, 2024**

West to southwesterly winds prevail through Christmas, gales over higher terrain, strongest in Scotland. The wind likely eases into Boxing Day as high pressure expands northwards. Mild for all through midweek, damp across western hills with extensive very low cloud; recent snow cover continually melting. Higher cloud bases and brighter further east. A risk of westerly winds strengthening again into the weekend, particularly Scotland. Some indication of colder air returning from the northwest into the New Year period.

Forecast issued at 15:00 on Sunday, 22 December, 2024

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