

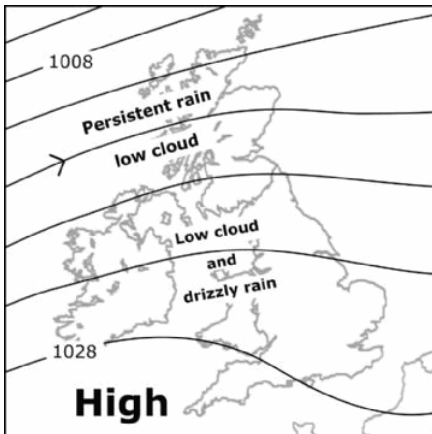
Brecon Beacons

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 Tuesday, 24 December, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 24 December, 2024

Mild and very humid southwesterlies will cloak the mountains in cloud, rain and drizzle - wettest in western Scotland. Gales over Scottish mountains, severe on higher tops. Up to gale force on tops in northern England, lower speeds south across Wales.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Strong breeze higher terrain. Murky and damp.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 24 December, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 20 to 25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but feeling blustery on higher exposed terrain; sudden gusts in places, including on some lower slopes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Drizzly, mainly west Wales Drizzle frequent western Cambrian and Preseli hills. Further east, drizzle rare - if any.
Cloud on the hills?	Blanket of cloud across even most lower slopes. Cloud base widely below 300m Cambrian and Preseli hills. Eastward, the cloud a little higher, but rarely above 600m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Less than 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 easternmost Wales.
How Cold? (at 750m)	9C. Will feel close to freezing point where exposed to the wind
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 25 December	Thursday 26 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 15 to 20mph, local gusty 25-30mph some higher summits.	Southerly 10mph and below. Occasionally gusts up to 15mph in the west.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but blustery in places over exposed higher terrain, gusts may affect balance in places. Marked wind chill.	Negligible.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Damp air west Feeling damp with fine drizzle where in cloud, mostly western Cambrians, sometimes western Brecon Beacons.	Occasional drizzle Feeling damp, fine drizzle, a few drizzly showers on western slopes facing the sea.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Blanket cloud from lower slopes upward toward coasts, above 400-500m inland, local higher breaks eastern mid-Wales.	Widespread coverage Extensive cloud down to lowest seaward slopes. Some varied cloud banks over the hills may leave some slopes between cloud layers, but unlikely to be clear on tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Below 10%	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull, locally brighter east. Misty many areas; visibility locally good out of cloud east.	Low clouds blocking any sunshine. Eastern mid Wales may see an occasional bright spell. Mostly poor visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	8C, locally warmer eastern areas. Wind chill makes it feel near to freezing.	6C widely with little change.
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 25 December, 2024**

West to southwesterly upland gales will ease briefly into Boxing Day as high pressure expands northwards. Mild for all through midweek; little if any remaining lying snow on the mountains. Damp with extensive very low cloud, some steadier rain western Scotland; higher cloud bases and brighter further east. Southwesterlies strengthening again into Friday and the weekend, particularly Scotland where gale force again for periods over the mountains; rain remaining frequent over western Scotland, occasionally snow only on highest tops. Into New Year period, likely generally unsettled with areas of low pressure bringing risk of more widespread precipitation - indications favour colder conditions with upland snow.

Forecast issued at 15:31 on Monday, 23 December, 2024

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