

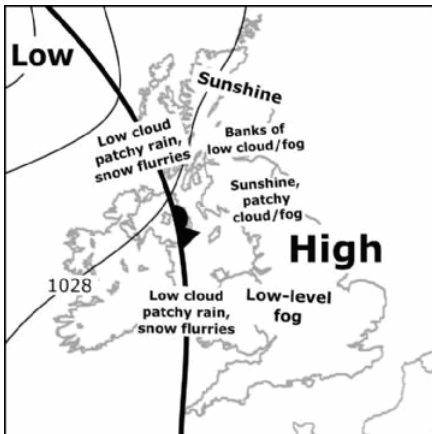
Brecon Beacons

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, 11 January, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 11 January, 2025

Patchy snow flurries or light rain near western coasts slowly pushing inland, along with low cloud. High cloud thickening ahead of this. Local fog or banks of low cloud inland, some high tops above fog; sunshine best toward northeast Scotland. Increasing southerly wind.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Varied low-level fog and cloud banks. Gusty breeze.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 11 January, 2025

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| How windy? (On the summits) | South later southwesterly, 15-20mph strongest toward west, gusty on some slopes. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Fairly small, but may start to affect ease of walking on some exposed terrain. Marked wind chill. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Patchy drizzle, snow flurries west Substantially dry much of day east and southeast Wales. A little drizzly rain near coast, snow flurries of refrozen raindrops falling inland, encroaching from west over the Cambrians, later perhaps more widely. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Fog patches east, cloud banks west becoming more widespread. Fog mostly in eastern valleys in the morning, hills clear above fog. Low cloud in the west, increasingly fills in over the Cambrians, more widely across Wales with time, cloud banks enveloping many hills during afternoon. |
| Chance of cloud free summits? | 70% morning (above fog locally), dropping to 20% from west later. |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Some weak sun through high cloud, tending to become mostly cloudy. Visibility starting very good out of fog, but becoming poor from west as cloud fills in. |
| How Cold? (at 750m) | 0 or -1C, gradually rising. 2C by dusk in west. Slight rise after dark. Feeling like -5C with wind chill. |
| Freezing Level | Much terrain frozen away from lower coastal slopes; poorly defined freezing level inland, but gradually lifting above freezing in the air up to tops in west. |

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

| | Sunday 12 January | Monday 13 January |
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| How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you? | Southwesterly 20-30mph, may strengthen further up to dusk. Gusty in places to some lower slopes. Walking inconvenienced, affecting balance on higher exposed tops. Marked wind chill. | Southwesterly 30 to 45mph, may strengthen further during day. Increasingly arduous conditions over higher terrain, sudden buffeting gusts. Considerable wind chill. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Fine drizzle locally Some fine drizzle where in cloud on south-facing slopes. | A little rain west Occasional rain, most frequent Cambrians. Little toward east and southeast Wales. |
| Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits? | Varied low cloud mostly south Cloud banks on south-facing slopes, in places down to lowest terrain. Clearing at times in the lee of mountain ridges toward eastern mid-Wales. 30% | Extensive Shrouding the hills most or all day, to lower slopes toward coast. May start clearer toward southeast, but widely filling in. 20% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Where out of cloud, hazy sunshine through high cloud. Likely only in eastern areas. Visibility mostly poor, good out of cloud. | Rare if any glimpses of sun mainly east. Visibility mostly poor, locally good east. |
| How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level | 2 or 3C. Feeling as cold as -7C with wind chill. Lifting above freezing to tops. Much terrain remains frozen but beginning to thaw on some slopes. | 4C, small change with height; locally warmer some eastern slopes. In the wind, feeling as cold as -5C. Above the summits. |

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 12 January, 2025**

Terrain still widely frozen and snow covered this weekend, but by Sunday the air temperature lifting above freezing at all elevations - a thaw commencing, more rapid into Monday with some heavy rain in the west. A much milder week ahead, highest Scottish tops only rarely close to freezing point. Southwesterly winds frequently gale force over the Highlands, bringing low cloud particularly to western mountains and occasional rain. High pressure over England & Wales brings quieter conditions here much of the week, some low-level cloud and fog. Changeable west-southwesterlies likely prevail into second half of January, with cycles of freeze and thaw and risk of more frequent precipitation.

Forecast issued at 15:45 on Friday, 10 January, 2025

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