

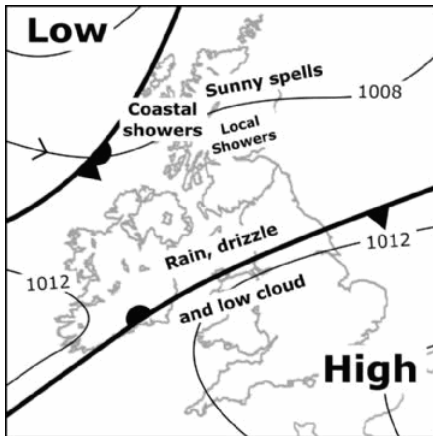
Brecon Beacons

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, 21 January, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 January, 2025

Below freezing on Scottish tops. Noticeably chilly in the breeze. A cluster of showers with hill snow moves across the Highlands early in the day, but clears to be often dry and bright. Showers continue near to western coasts, some moving inland. A slow-moving front over England & north Wales brings grey and damp conditions.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Largely dry with varied low cloud/fog. Moderate breeze.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 21 January, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	South-southwesterly 15-20mph, occasional 25mph around higher tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but may start affect comfortable walking where exposed on higher slopes. Marked wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Local drizzle mainly west Drizzly rain at times on hills nearer to Cardigan Bay. Occasional drizzly pockets elsewhere, but substantially dry across southeastern areas.
Cloud on the hills?	Mix of low cloud and fog, some breaks Varied banks of cloud over the hills, some patchy fog banks into some valleys in the morning. Cloud often capping western Cambrians and higher tops further inland, but some breaks further south and east.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of weak sun through high cloud. Hazy or misty in places lower down, local improvements developing.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C. Wind chill feeling like -5C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits. Slight frost some valleys in the morning.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 22 January	Thursday 23 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Variable direction, 10mph and lower.	Southerly turning west-southwesterly; speeds soon increasing 30 to 45mph, risk 60-70mph for a time, suddenly squally.
Effect of wind on you?	Little to none	Soon arduous or difficult conditions, frequent buffeting where exposed; gusts may knock you over. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little precipitation expected A mostly dry day. Slight possibility of stray drizzly showers toward west coast.	Heavy rain, sleet highest tops Soon from dawn, abruptly heavy rain, sleet or possible snow on highest tops. Continuing for several hours, then breaking up into clusters of showers into afternoon, but may still result in frequent precipitation. Chance isolated thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	High terrain intermittently covered Cloud bases intermittently down to high terrain, sometimes lower. Occasional moments of cloud breaks.	Fairly extensive, varied extent Some banks of cloud to lower south-facing slopes at first. Then varied across the hills, often covering many tops, but some breaks occasionally forming if rain breaks up.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun possible, though possibly blocked by high cloud. Good visibility out of cloud, but rather hazy east Wales.	Generally overcast. Visibility very poor in rain, local improvements.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1 to 2C	1 or 2C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C.
Freezing Level	Just above the summits, some moments of lowering to highest tops	Close to highest summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 22 January, 2025**

Deteriorating later this week - a series of storm systems coming in from the Atlantic through late January bringing frequently severe conditions to the mountains. Thursday sees winds reach gale force on many tops with a spell of heavy rain and upland snow developing from the west. By Friday, severe conditions from lower elevations upward, hurricane-force winds over the mountains, plus extensive rain and hill snow. Gales continue into Saturday, severe for the Highlands. Snow is likely to accumulate over Scottish mountains during the next week or so with only brief thawing. More variable temperatures for England and Wales with cycles of freeze and thaw. Atlantic patterns likely prevail into early February.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Monday, 20 January, 2025

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