

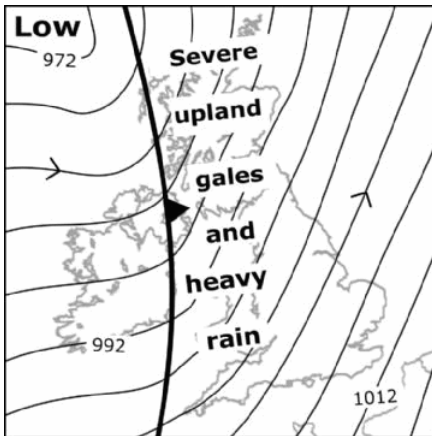
Brecon Beacons

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 Friday, 21 February, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 21 February, 2025

Severe conditions over the mountains, storm-force winds most of daylight. Wet all day most areas, heaviest rain on south-facing hill groups, risk of local flooding. Least rain toward far north of the Highlands. Cloud shrouding the hills widely. Well above freezing with an ongoing thaw.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Stormy upland winds. Frequent or persistent rain morning.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 21 February, 2025

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| How windy? (On the summits) | Southerly 60-80mph for most of daylight. Speeds moderating evening into night. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Any mobility very difficult on mountains; walking challenging even on mid to lower slopes in exposure. Severe wind chill. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Rain heavy at times, easing afternoon Persistent rain particularly southern hills, heavy at times in the morning; very wet underfoot. Often raining toward mid-Wales too. By afternoon, the rain easing from the west, a few showers follow. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Extensive on most terrain Cloud widely down to low slopes on southern mountains. Some higher bases mid-Wales but highest terrain mostly covered. Bases rising a little later in day. |
| Chance of cloud free summits? | Less than 10%, later 20% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Overcast until into afternoon, brighter skies later, but rare if any sun. Very poor visibility, but improving afternoon. |
| How Cold? (at 750m) | 8 to 9C. Feeling as cold as -8C in wind. |
| Freezing Level | Above the summits. |

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

| | Saturday 22 February | Sunday 23 February |
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| How windy? (On the summits) | Southwesterly 20-25mph. | South to southwesterly 50 to 70mph, for periods 80mph at least in gusts on higher tops. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Fairly small, winds becoming inconvenient. Highest winds may cause momentary challenges to balance. | Severe conditions: mobility challenging across the hills, frequently knocking you off your feet where exposed higher up. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Drizzly west Drizzly spells onto western hills, isolated drizzle or mostly dry east. | Heavy rain Rain soon setting in from dawn, becoming persistently heavy, continuing most likely through afternoon, only breaking up into showers by evening. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Often southern slopes, breaks northeast Frequent or persistent cloud banks down to mid slopes on southern hills and over tops. Patchy in northern areas with clear spells. | Soon extensive Shrouding the hills most or all day, possibly some eastern hills starting clear before cloud lowers and widely fills in to mid-slopes, or lower slopes toward south. |
| Chance of cloud free summits? | 30% south, 60% north | 20% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Some glimpses of sun in the afternoon, best in the east. Mostly good visibility, excellent east. | Overcast and dull, sun unlikely. Hazy, poor visibility in precipitation. |
| How Cold? (at 750m) | 4C. Feeling sub-zero in the breeze. | 3C rising to 5C. Feeling like -10 to -15C due to wind chill. |
| Freezing Level | Above the summits. | Above the summits. |

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 22 February, 2025**

All terrain will have thawed by the weekend; very wet underfoot with several spells of heavy rainfall, highest totals on south & southwest-facing hills bringing local flooding. A relative improvement on Saturday for many places, but remaining windy, up to gale-force higher northern Scottish tops - rain still frequent around Skye. Deteriorating again into Sunday with further storm-force mountain winds. Chillier westerly winds prevail next week, a return to mostly sub-freezing conditions over Scottish Munros, whilst lower Scottish hills plus mountains in England & Wales will see some freeze and thaw. Showery conditions with hail and upland snow, mixed with occasionally more widespread precipitation.

Forecast issued at 15:45 on Thursday, 20 February, 2025

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