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Brecon Beacons

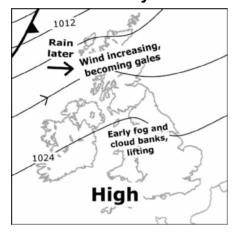




Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.

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General Summary for Wednesday, 26 March, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 26 March, 2025

Southwesterly winds strengthening, reaching gale-force across Scottish mountains increasingly into afternoon. Dry for most places all day, but rain moves into northwest Highlands later in daytime. Varied cloud banks mostly over western hills. Sunniest in eastern areas.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Dry all day, patchy cloud banks lifting. Light winds.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 26 March, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	South to southwesterly 10mph, increasing in afternoon to 15mph, later 20mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain not expected
Cloud on the hills?	Early cloud banks lifting
	Mist patches some valleys and cloud banks on some hill slopes at first, tending to drift upslope, mainly south and western areas, but likely to gradually lift above hills.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50% rising to 80%
Sunshine?	Patchwork of sun developing.
Air clarity (below cloud)	Visibility very good.
How Cold? (at 750m)	6 or 7C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits; possible slight frost some valleys at dawn.

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Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 27 March	Friday 28 March
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 20 to 35mph, gusty around higher tops.	Westerly 25 to 40mph, sudden squally gusts during showers.
Effect of wind on you?	Starting to affect comfortable walking in places on exposed higher terrain. Marked wind chill.	Significant wind chill. Frequent buffeting over the hills, walking at times arduous where exposed.
How wet?	Patchy light rain	Hail showers, risk lightning
(Precipitation and its impact)	Small amounts of light rain or drizzle, mostly western Cambrians, may become persistent. Generally damp where in cloud. Driest eastern hills.	Showery precipitation throughout the day, most frequent west Wales in morning, but soon widespread. Hail to lower slopes, at times snow above 700m. Heavy bursts with risk of thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive	Varied over higher tops
	Blanket low cloud much of the day, shrouding hills to lower elevations toward west and southwest slopes, widely 400-500m. Highest bases eastern mid-Wales, local breaks to 600m or above.	Cloud base changing in and out of showers, mostly above 700m, clearing tops periodically, but patches to 600m in showers.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun, glimpses eastern mid-Wales. Misty widely over the hills; better visibility further east below cloud.	Occasional sun, mostly east in morning. The air quite clear, but visibility intermittently poor in heavy showers.
How Cold? (at 750m)	6C. Wind chill feeling like -4C.	0 or 1C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Near 800m in the morning, lifting just above the highest summits, but briefly lowering again in showers.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 27 March, 2025

Low pressure passing close to northern Scotland later this week brings unsettled conditions. Chilly west to northwesterly winds - often gale force on higher terrain. Temperatures fluctuating just above and below freezing over the mountains, coldest on Friday when sub-zero on all hills above 800m - heavy showers with hail, and snow on tops. Rain and some snow on highest tops on Saturday, then an improving trend from Sunday into early next week high pressure rebuilds, bringing dry weather and lighter winds. Easterly winds may develop over England & Wales.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Tuesday, 25 March, 2025

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