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Brecon Beacons

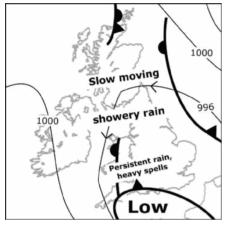




Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.

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General Summary for Tuesday, 15 April, 2025



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 15 April, 2025

Patchy rain and hill snow across Scotland. Cloud lifting and breaking, returning in showers. Patchy rain into England as well with more cloud here in the morning. Local slow-moving showery bursts into afternoon. Rain becoming persistent in south Wales and reaching north, becoming windy too with risk of gales here.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Rain becoming persistent. Windy.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 15 April, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	North-northwesterly 20-25mph. Gradually increasing through the day, becoming 35-45mph around dusk.	
Effect of wind on you?	Winds affecting comfortable walking, gradually becoming more and more of an impediment. Strenuous with balance challenges around dusk. Significant wind chill.	
How wet?	Rain soon persistent with heavy spells	
(Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy rain in morning, developing into persistent rain by the afternoon with heavy spots.	
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive	
	Covering the hills widely in the morning and during rain. Bases rising with time, though high terrain persistently covered.	
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%	
Sunshine?	Little or no sun.	
Air clarity (below cloud)	Visibility good away from showers, becoming mostly poor.	
How Cold? (at 750m)	2 to 4C most of the day. Lowering to 1 to 2C westernmost mountains as dusk approaches. Feeling between -10C and -15C in strongest wind.	
Freezing Level	Above the summits most of the day, chance of lowering to higher summits around dusk.	

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Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 16 April	Thursday 17 April
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Very uncertain forecast detail: Westerly risk 30-45mph, but possibly much lighter speeds overall. Beware risk of challenging conditions and significant wind chill at least part of the day. Possibly much more benign conditions.	Southerly 10-20mph. Chance of increasing speeds around dusk. Fairly small
How wet?	Risk early heavy rain and hill snow	Patchy showers, increasing
(Precipitation and its impact)	Uncertain, but increasing risk of a extensive area of heavy rain and hill snow above 600m moving northwards across the region early in the day. Then some scattered showers with hail.	Patchy light showers here and there, increasing through the afternoon. Most common on south-facing slopes and over high tops.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive then lifting	Gradually lifting off summits
	Risk shrouding the hills widely if rain/snow is persistent at first. Likely to rise during day toward tops with breaks forming.	Cloud banks often covering high areas. Bases down to mid-slopes in the morning, around 500m on southern aspects. Rising through the day with breaks to high tops for frequently clear conditions afternoon.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Some sun may break through with time. Visibility poor if in rain/snow, may improve to be very good away from showers.	Occasional or intermittent sun, becoming overcast as dusk approaches. Excellent visibility though poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Near 0C in morning, rising to 3C afternoon. If stronger winds occur, chill factor feeling	4 or 5C
Freezing Level	Possibly down to 700-800m, mainly during precipitation in morning; rising in afternoon.	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 16 April, 2025

A highly complex weather situation during this week as areas of low pressure circulate slowly near or across the British Isles. A mix of showers with hail and snow on hills, but at times a risk of more persistent and widespread rain and hill snow particularly Wednesday, but a similar risk continues into the Easter period. Occasional windows of dry and clear conditions locally. Wind speeds very variable, often light, but beware periods of strengthening markedly to gale force over the hills. Temperatures generally cool, particularly compared to recent times, often near or below freezing on higher mountains.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Monday, 14 April, 2025

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