

Brecon Beacons

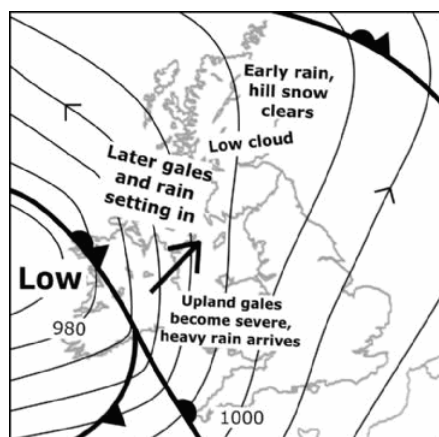
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Friday, 5 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 5 December, 2025

South-southeasterly winds strengthen, reaching gale-force afternoon many areas, sooner Wales, here becoming severe. Some rain / hill snow NE Scotland fades, patchy rain west coasts, otherwise dry, then rain sweeps in from southwest later, snow inland mountains into evening. Best cloud breaks NW Scotland.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Gales strengthen to become severe. Heavy rain develops.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 5 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southerly 30-35mph soon from dawn, rising to 50mph middle of day, reaching 60mph high tops afternoon with stronger gusts high tops. Turning southwesterly after dark, easing marginally but still mostly 40-50mph. Strenuous walking early deteriorates to widely challenging conditions with powerful gusts, by afternoon enough to knock you over. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain sets in widely, heavy afternoon Patchy showery rain drifts inland from the south early, though eastern hills dry much of morning. Rain merging into broader areas then setting in widely around the midday hours with heavy falls onward into evening and night. Streams again rising to be in spate, flooding developing into night.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Becoming extensive From dawn cloud likely caps the high tops with banks on high western terrain; Black Mountain perhaps clear. Soon lowering widely towards 600-700m as rain arrives, as low as 400m south and westernmost slopes. 30% dropping to almost nil in rain.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, high cloud lowering during morning to become increasingly dull. Visibility becomes poor as rain sets in.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	3C, rising to 5C, remaining warmer into night. Rising temperature offset by wind chill, feeling like -10C in exposure. 700-800m, rising above the summits through morning.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 6 December	Sunday 7 December
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 35 to 45mph, risk often 50mph high tops. Challenging walking conditions, frequent buffeting affecting balance on exposed tops and ridges; marked wind chill.	Very uncertain speeds: South turning southwesterly, 25 to 40mph, risk often stronger, chance becoming 50mph+ Expect blustery conditions, beware potential for arduous conditions all day, possibly widely more difficult.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent showery rain Rain on and off most or all day, a mix of drizzle where in cloud and some steadier rain, but heavier showery bursts coming in from west, possible hail.	Rain likely, risk heavy Risk of rain fairly persistent, setting in for steady or heavy rain for a few hours at least.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Fairly extensive tops Often covering higher slopes, bases varied in and out of rain, mostly 600 to 800m. More frequent to mid-slopes western areas. Some breaks higher up east and mid-Wales. 20%	Extensive Shrouding the hills widely, with banks of cloud from low to mid elevations upward. 10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mostly east. Visibility varied, poor in rain, intermittently good out of cloud.	Generally cloudy and misty, poor visibility likely most hills.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	5C. Wind chill feeling like -7 to -10C. Above the summits.	8C, fairly small variation with height. Feeling below freezing in the wind. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 6 December, 2025

Generally unsettled through the weekend and into next week with areas of low pressure circulating near to the British Isles. Day-to-day detail will be uncertain even in short-range as complex systems move around slowly - a series of frontal systems bringing spells of rain and some high-level snow, mixed with showers with hail mostly near western coasts. Temperatures often on the milder side compared to recently, with typically only higher tops in the Highlands intermittently just below freezing point, expect periods of thawing up to these tops. Wind speeds will also vary, often south to southwesterlies, at times reaching gale force on tops, but intermittent lulls.

Forecast issued at 15:25 on Thursday, 4 December, 2025

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