

Brecon Beacons

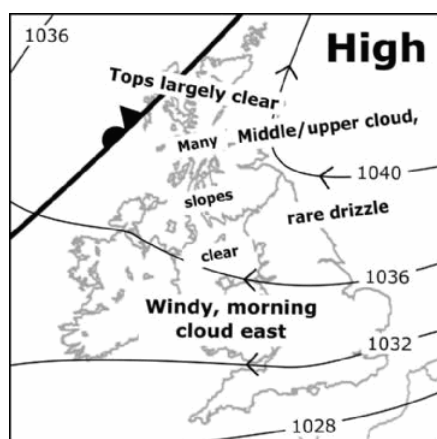
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Wednesday, 24 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 24 December, 2025

Patchy cloud on middle and high slopes of central and east Scottish Highlands, clearer west and north; high summits clear too. Most cloud in England stays east of the Pennines, little west including Lakeland where isolated to summits. Gusty wind in Wales, risk gales south; early cloud in the east will break.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Windy, gale-force gusts; morning cloud east will break

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 24 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	A gusty easterly, 35-45mph, the most powerful downslope gusts in the west reaching 50mph or higher.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous-to-arduous walking with considerable buffeting, including downslope to the west. Expect stability challenges and significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No precipitation expected
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly high eastern terrain Cloud banks frequently covering high terrain of the Black Mountains and Pen-Y-Fan group. More patchy to the west, southern slopes often free of cloud and improving more widely later.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40% rising to 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sunshine to the east, more often sunny west, increasingly widespread. A haze at first but visibility improving.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1 or 0C most areas, locally a degree or two warmer westernmost hills, particularly Cambrians. Trending cooler evening into night. Feeling like -10 to -13C in direct wind.
Freezing Level	Poorly defined: 700-800m, though milder downslope wind to the west will reduce freezing potential here.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 25 December	Friday 26 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly 45-55mph, powerful gusts in exposure and downslope to the west, particularly western Cambrians.	Easterly 30 to 45mph, stronger gusts around some tops and high passes; locally also gusty downslope west of high tops.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging conditions in exposure with gusts nearly constantly challenging balance. Severe wind chill.	Strenuous walking with considerable wind chill in exposure over high terrain, in places buffeting gusts affecting balance.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No rain expected	Precipitation rare if any Chance of brief snow grains or light rain spots lower down, mainly toward east.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly clearing In the morning, banks come and go over the high terrain around the Black Mountains, patchier near Pen-Y-Fan, and more fleeting on other high tops. Cloud increasingly breaks on all hills.	Risk often capping some tops Patchy cloud mostly above 700-800m, most common onto higher eastern slopes, but perhaps frequent on tops. More often clear hills toward west Wales.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Rising to 80%	60%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine increasingly widespread with excellent visibility.	Mix of cloud and sun, best in west, often sunny near to Cardigan Bay and in Pembrokeshire. Visibility good, though some haze likely.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	-2 or -1C, westernmost slopes a few degrees warmer. Feeling like -15C or colder in direct wind. 300-400m from dawn, rising slightly; up to 600m in the west though poorly defined due to milder downslope wind.	0 or -1C, small variation with height. Feeling like -10 to -15C directly in the wind. Near freezing all elevations from dawn, staying mostly sub-zero above 600m, but above freezing some western slopes.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 25 December, 2025

Christmas Day will be dry: easterly winds are dominant, strongest in England and Wales and most cloud east of the high tops: may be fairly sheet-like sometimes, though variably more extensive or broken, best of sun breaks in western areas. Turning cooler too, the coldest air in England and Wales with freezing levels reaching as low as 300-600m in east Wales, though poorly defined.

High pressure stays put to the north into the weekend, maintaining dry weather, easterly winds, and mixed cloud and sunshine, most of the cloud in eastern areas. Temperatures will be variable, becoming milder for a time in England and Wales, with poorly defined freezing levels.

Forecast issued at 15:44 on Tuesday, 23 December, 2025

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