

Brecon Beacons

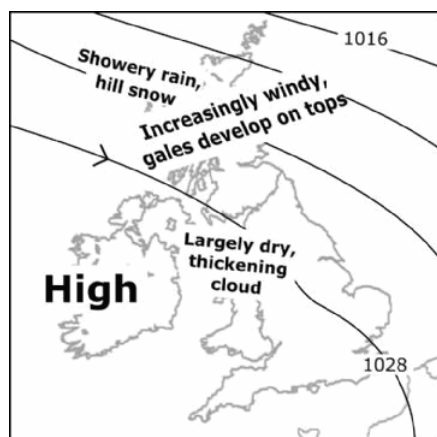
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Wednesday, 31 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 31 December, 2025

Much terrain frozen, frost into valleys and glens in the morning, all day out of sunlight, but temperature and freezing level tending to lift toward 800m from west. Showery rain and hill snow moving into W-NW Scotland. Wind strengthening, becoming gales over tops in Scotland during day, then N England after dark.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Little wind, some breeze afternoon. Dry, sunny.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 31 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Variable 10mph or less in morning, lifting to westerly 15 to 20mph afternoon into evening, 25-30mph into night.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small until late in day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No precipitation
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly little, rare patches Hills generally clear, bar a few ragged patches; mainly higher western Cambrians later in the day.
Chance of cloud free summits?	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly sunny, cloud starting to push in from west later. Visibility excellent, some mist patches in valleys in morning.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1C. Feeling closer to -8C in the strongest winds by the evening.
Freezing Level	All levels in morning, below freezing with widespread frost into valleys, but lifting to 500-700m.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 1 January	Friday 2 January
How windy? (On the summits)	West to northwesterly 25 to 35mph, squally gusts in showers.	Northwesterly 20 to 30mph, local squally gusts in showers.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking in exposure on higher hills, buffeting gusts. Significant wind chill.	Considerable wind chill over the mountains. Blustery, starting to affect comfortable walking in exposure on tops.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers, snow on tops Showery spells moving southeastwards across the region, falling as snow above 600m, possible hail, more frequent western Cambrians for periods.	Snow and hail showers Showers feeding inland from Cardigan Bay mainly over west Wales, locally more frequent, snow and hail falling to lower slopes, rain only lower coastal areas. Some showers more widely at times.
Cloud on the hills?	Sometimes covering tops Patchy cloud drifting over higher slopes mostly west Wales above 600-700m, sometimes more widely in showers.	Varied over tops Cloud likely to come and go on higher tops, mostly above 800m, patches sometimes to 600m in showers. More often clearing southeastern areas.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy, occasional sun. Visibility very good, occasionally reduced in showers.	Bursts of sunshine, best southeast. Visibility varying between very good for periods, to very poor in showers.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 or -1C. Wind chill feeling like -10C.	-2C. Wind chill feeling like -12C on tops.
Freezing Level	Up to dawn near to freezing to some lower slopes, then rising to 700-800m.	500 to 600m. Soon widely dropping below freezing from valleys upward into evening.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 1 January, 2026

Significantly cold wintry conditions into the start of January. Air temperature well below freezing on high terrain, plus low minima into many glens and valleys with sustained hard frost. Strong northerly winds later this week giving severe wind chill. Frequent and heavy snow showers moving into northern areas and running down coastal extremities with significant accumulations. Elsewhere, lots of dry and sunny weather, although occasional organised bands of snow will feed south at times in the Arctic airflow. Staying cold into next week with scope for snowfalls more widely.

Forecast issued at 16:28 on Tuesday, 30 December, 2025

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