

Brecon Beacons

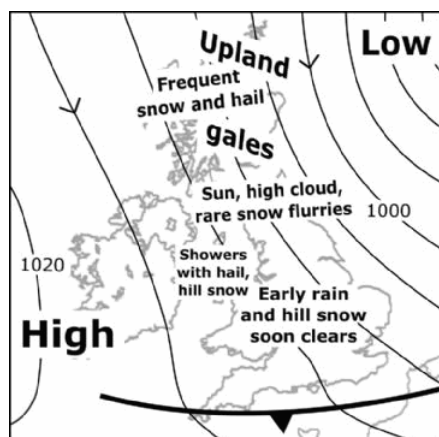
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Thursday, 1 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 1 January, 2026

Cold north-northwesterly winds, widely gale force over the mountains, difficult conditions with severe chill factor on Scottish high tops. Showery snow and hail frequent in northern Scotland. Rare showers central Scotland and northern England. Early rain and hill snow followed by showers in Wales.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Windy, showery rain and snow on tops mostly morning.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 1 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	West to northwesterly 25 to 35mph, squally gusts in showers.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking in exposure on higher hills, buffeting gusts. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Early rain, snow on tops, then showers A band of showery rain and hill snow moving southeastwards across the region in the morning, falling as snow above 600-700m. Breaking up into scattered showers by mid-late morning.
Cloud on the hills?	Sometimes covering tops Patchy cloud drifting over higher slopes most widely in the morning, then mainly west Wales above 600-700m, briefly lower in showers. Good breaks to many tops Brecon Beacons afternoon.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50% rising to 80% afternoon
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy, occasional sun. Visibility very good, occasionally reduced in showers.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 or -1C. Wind chill feeling like -10C.
Freezing Level	Up to dawn near to freezing to some lower slopes, then rising to 700-800m.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Friday 2 January	Saturday 3 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 25 to 30mph, local squally gusts in showers.	North to northwesterly 25 to 35mph, squally gusts locally in showers.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable wind chill over the mountains. Blustery, starting to affect comfortable walking in exposure on tops.	Continued considerable wind chill over the hills. Affecting ease of walking where exposed on tops.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow and hail showers Showers feeding inland from Cardigan Bay mainly over west Wales, snow and hail falling to lower slopes, rain only lower coastal areas. Risk a band of snow showers more widely at first.	Snow and hail showers toward west A band of locally frequent snow and hail showers over Pembrokeshire. Rare brief showers elsewhere, often dry much of Brecon Beacons and east Wales.
Cloud on the hills?	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.	Little if any Rare patches on some high tops, mainly west Wales.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, best southeast. Visibility varying between very good for periods, to very poor in showers.	Frequent sunshine Brecon Beacons to east Wales, cloudier west. Visibility excellent, locally reduced in showers in west.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-2C. Wind chill feeling like -12C on tops.	-3C. Wind chill feeling like -15C in exposure on high tops.
Freezing Level	500 to 600m. Soon widely dropping below freezing from valleys upward into evening.	300 to 500m, highest near coast, but terrain part-frozen into valleys inland.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 2 January, 2026

Terrain extensively frozen onward into the weekend and early next week at least ; sub-zero temperatures from the glens upward in Scotland and some valleys inland in northern England. Substantial fresh snow accumulations in the North West Highlands and Cairngorms, heavy showers streaming in from the north also containing hail. Largely dry and sunny from central Scotland to northern England. Hail and snow showers will run into north and west Wales from the sea . Bitter northerly winds, up to gale force higher tops, tending to lessen into Sunday. Some fluctuation of freezing level during next week, but some fronts moving in from northwest likely bring snowfall to hills at times more widely.

Forecast issued at 15:55 on Wednesday, 31 December, 2025

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