

Brecon Beacons

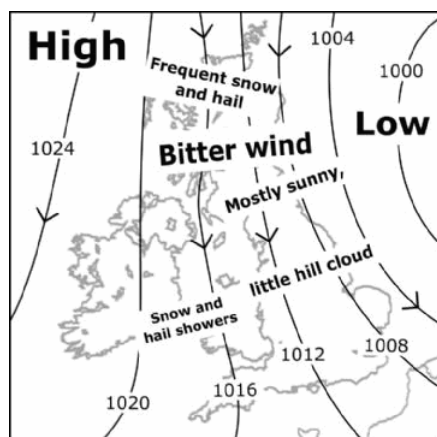
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Saturday, 3 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 3 January, 2026

Widespread sub-zero temperatures and wind, gales in northern England and Scotland; wind chill approaching -20C or lower on high summits. Near-constant snow showers in northern Scotland with snowdrifts building; snow showers into central/west Scotland and west Wales too. Mostly sunny southern Scotland and England.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Snow showers west, sun east; blustery, cold wind

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 3 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	North to northwesterly 30 to 35mph, squally gusts locally in showers. Sustained speeds may reach up to 40mph for periods in the morning.
Effect of wind on you?	Significant wind chill over the hills. Walking often strenuous with frequent buffeting over exposed higher terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow and hail showers toward west A band of frequent snow and hail showers over Pembrokeshire and the Cambrians. Scattered showers will pass further east, but east of Brecon likely remains substantially dry all day.
Cloud on the hills?	Little if any Rare patches on some high tops, mainly west Wales. Central and eastern hills likely stay clear.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Frequent sunshine Brecon Beacons to east Wales, cloudier west. Visibility excellent, locally reduced in showers in west.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-3 or -4C, coolest on eastern hills. Inland valleys start similarly cold. Wind chill feeling like -17C, as cold as -20C on high tops during strongest wind.
Freezing Level	300 to 500m, highest near coast, but terrain part-frozen into valleys inland. Will drop to valley level overnight well-inland.

	Sunday 4 January	Monday 5 January
<p>How windy? (On the summits)</p> <p>Effect of wind on you?</p>	<p>Northwesterly 20-25mph, squally gusts locally in showers. Some higher speeds possible over high tops late in the day.</p> <p>Continued considerable wind chill over the hills. Affecting ease of walking where exposed on tops.</p>	<p>Northerly 20-30mph.</p> <p>Continued considerable wind chill over the hills. Wind affects ease of walking where exposed on tops.</p>
<p>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p>Snow and hail showers west, later east</p> <p>A band of locally frequent snow and hail showers over Pembrokeshire, increasingly into the western Cambrians. Dry east in the morning, though snow showers will push into east Wales with time afternoon.</p>	<p>Dry for many</p> <p>Irish Sea showers over Pembrokeshire may occasional drift east towards the Cambrians and westernmost Brecon Beacons, but most mountains stay dry.</p>
<p>Cloud on the hills?</p>	<p>Banks on central and west tops</p> <p>Few patches on high tops in the west early, these increasingly common and drifting to high terrain near Brecon. The Black Mountains likely stay clear all day.</p>	<p>Little, if any, after morning</p> <p>Few patches on high tops in the west early, these tending to lift and breaks for substantially cloud-free mountains across south Wales.</p>
<p>Chance of cloud free summits?</p>	<p>80%, lowering to 40% central and west</p>	<p>80%</p>
<p>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Frequent sunshine Brecon Beacons to east Wales, cloudier west. Visibility excellent, locally reduced in showers in west.</p>	<p>Often sunny, some patchy cloud around. Visibility excellent, locally reduced in showers in west.</p>
<p>How Cold? (at 750m)</p> <p>Freezing Level</p>	<p>-3C. Wind chill feeling like -15C in exposure on high tops.</p> <p>Terrain widely frozen down to valleys well inland; up to 300m towards the Cambrians.</p>	<p>-3C. Wind chill feeling like -15C in exposure on high tops.</p> <p>Terrain widely frozen down to valleys well inland; 200-300m nearest coasts in Pembrokeshire and Cambrians.</p>

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 4 January, 2026

More variable next week: some fluctuation of freezing level during next week, though most high terrain stays sub-zero, and as fronts come in from the west, upland snowfalls are possible more widely.

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