

Brecon Beacons

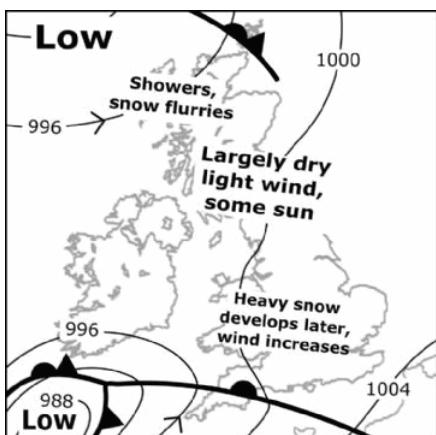
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Thursday, 8 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 8 January, 2026

Fairly benign conditions, breezier in northern Scotland. Local snow flurries, patchy cloud and some sun. A developing system to the southwest moves into Wales with heavy snow setting in increasingly widely later, extending into the Peak District by evening, accompanied by gales.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Strengthening wind, gales develop; heavy snow setting in.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 8 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Direction and speed varying, a lull for a few hours, then increasing easterly 30-40mph afternoon up to dusk, turning northerly 50-60mph into night.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, then becoming increasingly blustery, more challenging later afternoon, deteriorating further into evening-night.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy snow, setting in heavier afternoon Occasional snow flurries on tops, sleet or rain to mid-slopes in morning. Increasingly persistent hill snow to lowering elevations, setting in heavier afternoon-evening, rain for a time lower southern areas, turning mostly to snow.
Cloud on the hills?	Varied cloud and fog Patchy cloud around some higher tops, possible fog some valleys also. Cloud banks developing and lowering more widely over hills as snow sets in.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40% dropping below 10% later
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, thickening layers of high cloud. Hazy, visibility increasingly poor.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 or -1C. Feeling like -10C up to dusk as wind increases, colder after dark.
Freezing Level	700 to 800m, partly frozen terrain lower down. Toward evening very varied, but dropping to lower slopes, soonest mid-Wales, widely after dark.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Friday 9 January	Saturday 10 January
How windy? (On the summits)	North to northwesterly 30 to 40mph, risk over 50mph up to dawn at least.	North-northwesterly 15 to 25mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Considerable wind chill and affecting ease of walking on exposed terrain; risk more challenging early in day.	Fairly small, but risk noticeable wind chill in exposure on hills.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow fading, showers west Expect considerable fresh lying snow from valleys upward inland following overnight falls, which may continue as light snow into the morning, turning to sleet or rain lower slopes, showers mostly in west.	Rare showers Risk of occasional light showers mostly west coast hills, spots of rain, snow flurries if above 500m.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, rising with breaks Shrouding most higher areas in the morning, banks of cloud mid-slopes up in places. Tending to lift to upper slopes, some breaks forming, best south/east.	Mostly little Fragments of cloud around some slopes and tops, but many hills often clear. Some mist possible into valleys.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, rare if any sun due to a veil of high cloud. Difficult navigation if in fog over snow cover, visibility likely improves with time away from showers.	Mix of cloud and sun. Visibility very good.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1 or -2C. Feeling near/below -10C if exposed to stronger winds.	-1C. Feeling like -7C if exposed to wind.
Freezing Level	500 to 600m, but terrain partly frozen into many valleys inland in the morning, where snow cover may persist.	Much terrain frozen inland, frost into valleys in morning; then 500m, up to 600-700m nearest the west coast.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 9 January, 2026**

Terrain remaining widely frozen into the weekend, extensive deep snow cover for Highlands, less nearer the central belt. A fresh good covering for Wales and south Pennines from Thursday night too. Quiet weather for Saturday daytime. Then into Sunday, southerly winds strengthen to gales - as a frontal system approaches, snow then freezing rain is likely. A rise of freezing level from the southwest - some thawing develops, rising just above freezing toward higher slopes; more pronounced thawing in England and Wales to the tops. Uncertain patterns next week, colder air may return across Scotland, whilst further south often generally milder. Some further hill snow mainly in Scotland.

Forecast issued at 16:15 on Wednesday, 7 January, 2026

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