

Brecon Beacons

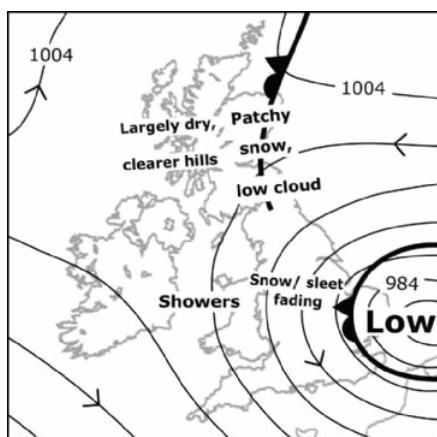
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Friday, 9 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 9 January, 2026

Patchy snowfall and low cloud over the eastern Highlands & N/E Pennines, little if any reaching western Scotland where hills will be clearer, some low-level fog. Extensive fresh snow cover for Wales and Peak District, residual flurries fade, but wind remains strong; showers with hail near west coast of Wales.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Windy, gales on tops. Local showers, extensive lying snow.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 9 January, 2026

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| How windy? (On the summits) | North to northwesterly 35 to 40mph, over 50mph up to dawn at least for eastern tops; peak speeds easing marginally during the daytime. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Considerable wind chill and challenging conditions particularly morning, affecting ease of walking all day on exposed terrain. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Snowfall fading, showers with hail Expect considerable fresh lying snow from valleys upward inland following overnight falls, substantial drifts in places. Continuing light snow into the morning, turning to sleet or rain lower slopes, becoming showers mostly in west, some heavy with hail, plus snow over hills above 400-500m, tending to fade afternoon. |
| 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. |
| Chance of cloud free summits? | 40% |
| 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 and if snow blows around; visibility improves with time away from showers. |
| How Cold? (at 750m) | -1 or -2C. Feeling near/below -10C if exposed to stronger winds. |
| Freezing Level | 500 to 600m, but terrain partly frozen into many valleys inland in the morning, where snow cover persists. |

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 10 January, 2026

Terrain stays widely frozen away from coastal slopes this weekend, fresh extensive snow for Wales and Peak District, whilst substantial snow remains across Scottish mountains. By 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 - thawing develops, rising just above freezing toward all higher slopes; in England and Wales much snow will thaw - here only occasionally near freezing on highest tops in the week ahead. In Scotland next week, higher mountains often near or below freezing at 800-1000m upward. A mix of rain and high-level snowfall, often windy through mid-month.

Forecast issued at 16:10 on Thursday, 8 January, 2026

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