

Brecon Beacons

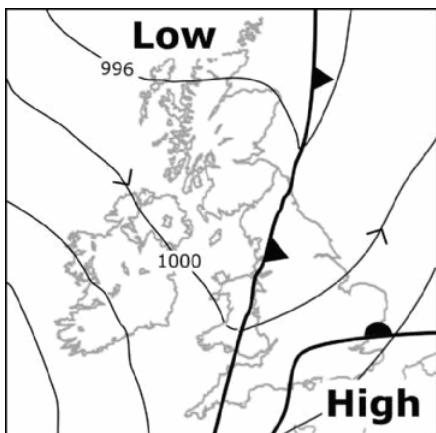
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Tuesday, 13 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 January, 2026

A cold front will move southeastwards bringing a few hours of precipitation - although still some uncertainty in its exact shape and position. Snow and hail showers will affect W Scotland whilst most other areas will have a few hours of rain, in places finishing as snow, as the temperature drops.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Rain for a few hours. Intermittently windy.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 13 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Changing through day: Initially southerly 40mph, then a lull before westerly 30mph afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking on higher areas intermittently arduous and wind chill considerable.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and snow for a few hours Two to four hours of precipitation morning and middle of day, turning to snow highest tops before clearing around mid afternoon from west.
Cloud on the hills?	Blanket of low cloud probable; cloud base may rise or have risen from west Cloud may well fill in or have filled in across the hills in rain. There may be improvement from the west but this very uncertain.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sunshine. Widely misty or murky in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	6C dropping from west to 2C. Will feel as cold as minus 7C where exposed to the wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 14 January	Thursday 15 January
How windy? (On the summits)	West backing southerly 15-20mph in a lull after dawn. Will progressively strengthen to 30-40mph, strongest west Wales.	Low confidence in forecast: Most likely southerly 25mph or less. Risk particularly east Wales of much stronger wind.
Effect of wind on you?	Small morning. Then walking increasingly arduous and wind chill becoming considerable.	Mostly small; but risk difficult walking and significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk of snow an hail showers A few showers may come in off the sea giving hail and snow, although rain lower particularly coastal slopes. Threat precipitation setting in late in day.	Risk rain or snow Most likely though extensively dry. But some uncertainty: chance persistent rain late in day (snow higher tops).
Cloud on the hills?	Probably remaining extensive on most or all higher areas Cloud sometimes forming below 450m near the coast, but cloud base generally rising to 600 to 800m - possibly a few breaks to higher summits, mainly east Wales. Cloud base may drop markedly later in day.	May well clear most summits Cloud base most likely to lift toward 900m widely. Risk though in precipitation of cloud filling in across the hills.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine, before cloud thickens from west. Visibility often very good, but poor in snow.	Sunshine may come throughout there may be a veil of high cloud. Visibility excellent but very poor in precipitation.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0C. Directly in wind will feel as cold as minus 10C.	2C
Freezing Level	750m. Frost many valleys after dawn.	Above the summits

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 14 January, 2026

Mostly cloudy with precipitation from time to time over the next few days - although total rainfall is now expected to be fairly small on most mountains, particularly N Scotland.

Temperature wise, it is highly likely to remain colder than recent January's with the snow pack across the Scottish Highlands being enhanced by further snowfall, whilst further south snow accumulates on higher areas, and occasional falls reaching lower slopes.

Forecast issued at 13:27 on Monday, 12 January, 2026

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