

Brecon Beacons

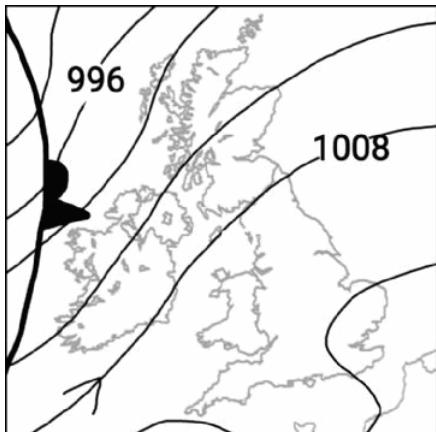
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Wednesday, 14 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 14 January, 2026

Cold westerly winds, backing southerly and strengthening ahead of a front which will move into western Scotland during the afternoon, with snow setting in for western mountains, patchier further east. Ahead of this front, scattered snow showers. Mostly dry for England and Wales until front edges precipitation into west later.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Mostly dry, but winds backing southerly and strengthening. Risk snow later in day.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 14 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	West backing southerly 15-20mph in a lull after dawn. Will progressively strengthen hour by hour to reach 30-40mph around or after dusk, strongest west Wales.
Effect of wind on you?	Small morning. Then walking increasingly arduous and wind chill becoming considerable.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Mostly dry, until later in day. Mostly dry, but the threat of snow, rain lower slopes, setting in late in day from west, mainly by or after dusk.
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.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine, before cloud thickens from west. Becoming overcast. Visibility often very good, but poor in snow.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0C. Directly in wind will feel as cold as minus 10C.
Freezing Level	750m. Frost many valleys after dawn.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 15 January	Friday 16 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Low confidence in forecast: Most likely south to southwesterly 25mph or less. Risk particularly east Wales of much	Low confidence in track of small scale low. Risk westerly 40 to 60mph early in day, becoming southerly 30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Mostly small; but risk difficult walking and significant wind chill.	High uncertainty over track of small scale low. Risk early in day of difficult conditions with significant wind chill, then easing.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk rain or snow Most likely though extensively dry. But some uncertainty: chance persistent rain late in day (snow higher tops).	Overnight rain/snow, then showers. Risk of heavy snow during the early hours, perhaps down to 600m, but this precipitation will likely have cleared by dawn leaving showers, sleet on tops.
Cloud on the hills?	May well clear most summits Cloud base most likely to lift toward 900m widely. Risk though in precipitation of cloud filling in extensively across the hills.	Extensive Cloud very likely extensive across the hills, following the overnight rain and snow. Best breaks across eastern most tops. General bases around 500-700m.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Any early patchy sun, will give way from south to thickening cloud, later overcast. Visibility excellent but very poor in precipitation.	Little or no sun. Visibility good at times, but rather misty and murky for periods.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C	1C
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above summits, but may have been 700m overnight.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 15 January, 2026

Very uncertain forecast late Thursday and into Friday, as a small scale and rather potent low pressure system edges northwards across the country on a very uncertain track. May bring a spell of strong winds and upland heavy snowfall overnight and into Friday morning before pulling away to the east. Thereafter, a drier and chilly weekend will follow. Looking further ahead, a colder continental influence may be drawn in on south to east winds, with the snow pack across the Scottish Highlands being enhanced by further spells of snowfall where fronts edge in from the west, whilst further south snow accumulates on higher areas, and occasional falls reach lower slopes.

Forecast issued at 15:57 on Tuesday, 13 January, 2026

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