

Brecon Beacons

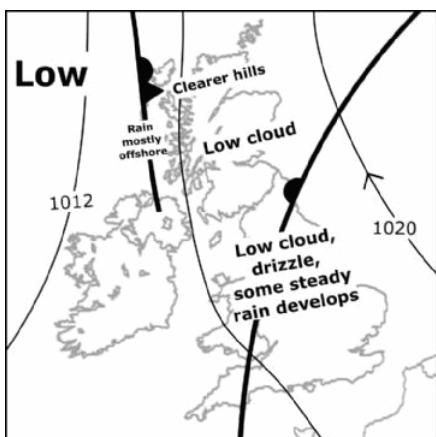
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Sunday, 18 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 18 January, 2026

Cloudy and damp air over many hills, more persistent rain and drizzle develops over northern England and east Wales. Clearer toward north-northwest Scotland. Near or below freezing on Scottish mountains. South to southeasterly winds, gusty in places; strongest toward Skye.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Cloud covers hills, rain particularly east, light-moderate breeze.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 18 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 15 to 20mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but expect noticeable chill factor in exposure on tops.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and drizzle Drizzle or light rain, becoming more persistent in morning over eastern hills, risk steadier rain more widely for a few hours onward into afternoon, smaller amounts westwards.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, lowest east/south A cloud sheet covers many hills most or all day from mid-elevations upward. Further west, the cloud base higher, local breaks toward Cardigan Bay.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull, misty from low-mid slopes upward, locally better toward west coast.
How Cold? (at 750m)	3C. Feeling like -3C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	Above freezing to higher tops.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Monday 19 January	Tuesday 20 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly 20mph, gusty 25mph in places around some higher tops, possibly 30mph for periods.	South-southeasterly, likely strengthening 30 to 50mph, powerful gusts around high tops and in places downslope to north.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but at times more blustery in exposure, affecting ease of walking. Marked wind chill.	Increasingly arduous walking conditions, buffeting gusts affecting balance; significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and drizzle Generally damp all day, frequent drizzle, some steadier rain for periods.	Frequent or persistent rain Patchy rain may become more frequent from the south, risk steadier and heavier rain setting in for periods.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Low cloud shrouding the hills widely, foggy from many mid-slopes upward, some lower elevations furthest south. Local higher breaks possible toward Cardigan Bay.	Extensive Shrouding the hills widely, from mid to lower slopes upward in southern areas.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull, poor visibility over hills, hazy lower down.	Generally cloudy and dull. Hazy or misty over most hills toward lower slopes.
How Cold? (at 750m)	4C. Feeling like -5C directly in the wind.	2 or 3C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 19 January, 2026**

South to southeasterly winds prevail into the new week, trending more easterly in Scotland, widely strengthening to become persistently windy, gales over mountains with powerful gusts. Mountains staying near to freezing point in Scotland, typically just above freezing to high tops in England and Wales for a few days. Initially weak fronts try to push in from the west bringing occasional rain and high-level snow, then some more persistent falls later in the week; generally driest in northwest Scotland. Colder air trying to move in from the east into later January, leaving most mountain terrain frozen in the longer range.

Forecast issued at 15:30 on Saturday, 17 January, 2026

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