

Brecon Beacons

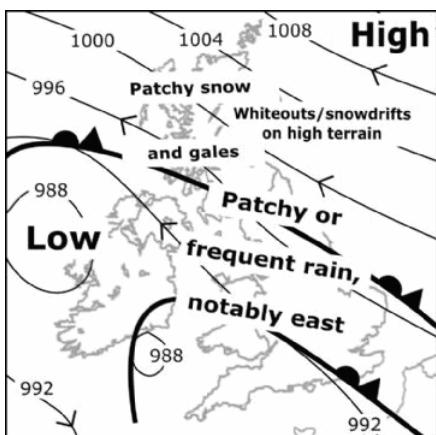
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Sunday, 25 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 25 January, 2026

Blustery for most, gales in Scotland which will be severe on high tops early. Continued snow and local whiteout conditions on high terrain in east Scotland, snowdrifts build here. Often raining over the Pennines and south Wales, more intermittent in north Wales and Lakeland (sleet or snow on high summits).

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Breezy; regularly raining and often foggy

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 25 January, 2026

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| How windy? (On the summits) | Southeasterly, speed may vary, mostly 25 to 30mph, locally stronger gusts around high tops. Speeds may notably ease in the south/east later in the day, though remaining variable. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Blustery over most high terrain, gustier areas affecting comfortable walking. Marked wind chill in exposure on tops. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Frequent or persistent rain Rain on and off most of the day, most frequent on south and eastern hills where may be steady for hours at a time; patchier western mid-Wales. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Extensive Covering much of the Brecon Beacons and eastern mid-Wales all day, often to mid-slopes. Higher bases westwards, rare breaks above 600-700m. |
| Chance of cloud free summits? | 20% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Largely cloudy, a haze building. Poor visibility over most hills in fog and rain. |
| How Cold? (at 750m) | 1 or 2C. Feeling like -7 to -10C in the wind. |
| Freezing Level | Just above freezing point on higher summits. |

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

| | Monday 26 January | Tuesday 27 January |
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| How windy? (On the summits) | Southeasterly 30mph at dawn, steadily increasing to a gusty 45mph by dusk, strengthening further after dark. | Southeasterly 45-55mph at/before dawn, easing to nearer 40-45mph with time, though some variability. |
| Effect of wind on you? | Strenuous walking from dawn, deteriorating, challenging by dusk with buffeting. Significant wind chill. | Walking arduous all day, challenging in exposure early; strong gusts require crouching for stability. Severe wind chill. |
| How wet? (Precipitation and its impact) | Rain sets in, heavy for a time Mostly dry morning, a few spots of rain/sleet here and there. Rain arrives afternoon from the west, spreading widely for several hours with a risk of heavy falls. | Rain most of the day Heavy rain from dawn for most hills, falling as sleet/snow on high tops for a time. Turning to rain on the high tops and some breaks forming, though more often raining than dry, particularly southern slopes. |
| Cloud on the hills? | Increasingly widely extensive A layer of cloud blankets the summits and southern slopes to middle altitudes. Best of breaks early in the day on northern slopes and particularly around the Cambrians, more extensive with time as rain sets in. | Fairly extensive Some higher breaks north of the high Brecon Beacons with time, though summits are unlikely to clear for any period of time. |
| Chance of cloud free summits? | 20% | 20% |
| Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud) | Little or no sun expected. Good visibility north at first, turning poor as rain sets in. | Mostly cloudy, a few bright moments may break out afternoon. Visibility often very poor in precipitation, though local improvements afternoon. |
| How Cold? (at 750m) | 0C, rising a degree with time. | +1 or 2C. Feeling like -15 to -17C in direct wind. |
| Freezing Level | 700m from dawn, lifting slightly with time. | Just touching the highest summits at daybreak, lifting above the summits. |

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 26 January, 2026

An unsettled week ahead: a dominance of low pressure will bring periods of wet weather and gales (at times severe), to all areas. Winds will be predominantly east-southeasterly, particularly in Scotland, maintaining the cold air with freezing levels consistently to middle or lower slopes - wind chills will be severe. A near-term risk of flooding in the eastern highlands.

Wind direction will be more variable in England and Wales, at times shifting south-southwesterly and drawing in milder air, bringing freezing levels to upper slopes or even above the high summits.

Low cloud often covering many hills with only local sunny breaks here and there.

Forecast issued at 16:05 on Saturday, 24 January, 2026

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