

Brecon Beacons

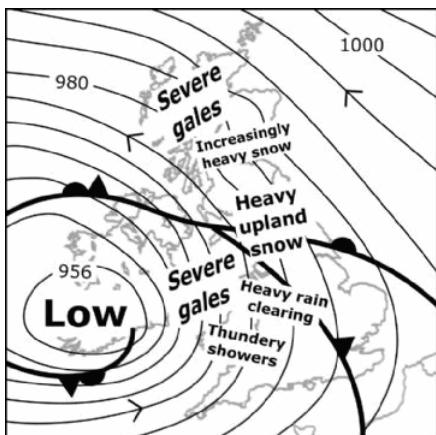
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Tuesday, 27 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 27 January, 2026

Severe conditions - storm-force winds on mountains, damaging gusts to some lower terrain. Extensive hill snow for N England & S Scotland, snow setting in heavier with time for southern Highlands; blizzard conditions widely, rain only lower slopes. Showery bursts follow in Wales with risk of hail and thunder.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Severe gales. Heavy showery rain and hail spreads from south.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 27 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	South-southeasterly 60mph at/before dawn, easing to nearer 40mph into morning or briefly less, though some variability, sudden squally gusts, will generally increase again 50-60mph afternoon, strongest western hills.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous all day, challenging in exposure particularly western hills; strong gusts require crouching for stability. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy showery bursts, hail, risk thunder Heavy rain at first, falling as sleet/snow on high tops prior to dawn, soon clearing. Becoming showery, some heavy with hail, though more often raining than dry in south. Risk hail and isolated thunder and lightning. Very wet underfoot, streams in spate, expect flooding.
Cloud on the hills?	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%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy, a few bright moments mainly eastern mid-Wales. Visibility very poor in precipitation, though local improvements away from showers.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1 to 3C. Feeling like -15 to -17C in direct wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, but occasionally near to highest tops at 800m by afternoon.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 28 January	Thursday 29 January
How windy? (On the summits)	South to southeasterly 30 to 40mph, strongest gusts over western areas.	Southeasterly 30 to 40mph, gusty around higher exposed summits and locally downslope toward west Wales.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking conditions, very gusty in places around higher tops. Considerable wind chill.	Strenuous walking, challenging where exposed, buffeting gusts in places to lower western areas. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Damp air, some light rain Fine drizzle where in cloud south and eastern hills. A little light rain may push from southwest for a time if high cloud thickens.	Frequent or persistent rain, sleet Rain on and off at least, may be more sustained over southern areas, sleet or some snow above 700m.
Cloud on the hills?	Most persistent east Low cloud banks may cover eastern hills until into afternoon, tending to break with time. Patchier or clearer all day in west.	Extensive Shrouding most hills all dry, to mid elevations or lower in south and east, some higher bases westernmost areas.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, some brighter areas toward Cardigan Bay where visibility good, may improve more widely afternoon.	Largely cloudy, hazy and dull, poor visibility across the hills. Locally better toward west Wales.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1C rising to 3C. Wind chill feeling like -7 to -10C.	0 or 1C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C.
Freezing Level	Just above highest summits from dawn, tending to rise slightly further during day.	800m or perhaps slightly higher.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 28 January, 2026

Strong east or southeasterly winds likely to prevail onward into early February. Scottish mountains are expected stay below freezing in the extended range, fresh heavy snowfalls giving substantial depths and drifts across south and eastern areas, much less snow northwestward. Hills in England and Wales will see varying freezing levels, sub-zero for periods to 600m or lower, but intermittently lifting just above the tops - a mix of rain and upland snowfall. A generally unsettled pattern with Atlantic lows continuing to frequently circulate over Britain on a southerly track, whilst high pressure resides away to the north.

Forecast issued at 16:21 on Monday, 26 January, 2026

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