

Brecon Beacons

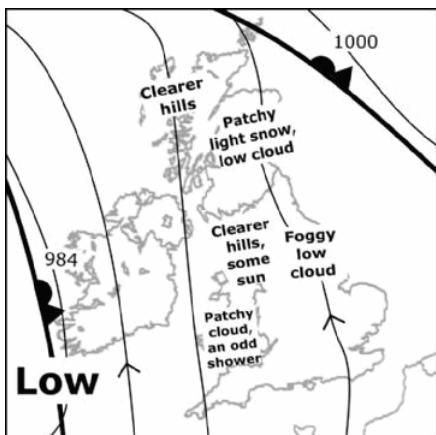
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Wednesday, 28 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 28 January, 2026

A fairly quiet day with plenty of dry weather and some good cloud breaks toward the west and northwest of major hill groups. Some snow flurries and low cloud lingers over the Cairngorms to SE Highlands. Moderate S-SE wind, locally gusty.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Gusty in places. Patchy cloud southeast, clearer west.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 28 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	South to southeasterly 15 to 25mph, strongest gusts typically westernmost hills, increasing a little more widely afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small effect on walking most areas, occasional gusty spots mainly toward west, feeling chilly in exposure on tops.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Dry overall, rarely a light shower Chance of an odd spot of light rain if cloud thickens, or very locally a brief shower coming in from south, greater risk toward Pembrokeshire. Wet underfoot following recent rains.
Cloud on the hills?	Patchy cloud mostly east Varied cloud banks mostly east and southeastern areas in morning, thinning and dispersing, but some patches may linger. More often clearing toward western Cambrians.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% southeast, rising to 70% west.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun and varied high cloud, best toward west. Visibility good especially west, some mistier areas in east and south in morning.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1C rising to 3C. Feeling like -3 to -5C in exposed to breeze.
Freezing Level	Just above highest summits from dawn, tending to rise slightly further during day; beware some icy surfaces on tops.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 29 January	Friday 30 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 30 to 40mph, gusty around higher exposed summits and locally downslope toward west Wales.	South or southeasterly, speed likely vary during day, typically 15 to 25mph, perhaps a lull, may increase again later.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking, challenging where exposed, buffeting gusts in places to lower western areas. Significant wind chill.	Mostly fairly small effect on walking, but prepare for noticeable chill over exposed higher areas.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Frequent or persistent rain, sleet Rain on and off at least, may be more sustained over southern areas, sleet or some snow above 700m.	Risk rain developing from south A little patchy rain, though several hours may be often dry. Risk of rain moving in from south with time to become persistent.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Shrouding most hills all dry, to mid elevations or lower in south and east, some higher bases westernmost areas.	Fairly extensive, lowest east Areas of low cloud to some mid-slopes in eastern areas, more broken cloud west. May vary, rising in places, but covering most higher slopes where rain develops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, hazy and dull, poor visibility across the hills. Locally better toward west Wales.	Cloudy and dull or murky on eastern hills, better westwards, glimpses of sun. Becoming more widely poor if rain sets in.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 or 1C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C.	2C. Wind chill feeling like -5C.
Freezing Level	800m or slightly higher.	Just above freezing on highest summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 29 January, 2026

Slow-moving weather patterns and a broadly similar regime to recent times over the next week or so. Scottish mountains generally below freezing point, with snow cover and drifts most substantial from the Cairngorms to central and southern Highlands, some additional falls in the week ahead, much less 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. Wind speed will vary, some periods of lower speeds than recently, though gusty SE'ly winds remain common in the Highlands. Scope for widely colder conditions toward mid February.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Tuesday, 27 January, 2026

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