

Brecon Beacons

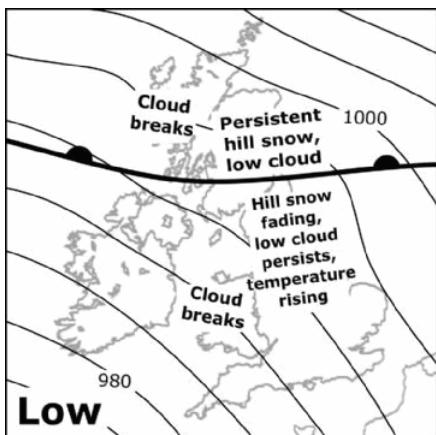
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Wednesday, 4 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 4 February, 2026

Easterly winds gale force across northern Scotland, easing further south. Ongoing snowfalls over E & SE Highlands, sleet or rain lower down; low cloud and whiteout over hills. Early sleet or snow over northern England fades, but low cloud lingers. Largely dry much of Wales, clearer hills west, but increasingly windy.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Increasingly windy, gales later. Mostly dry, cloud lifts and breaks.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 4 February, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	South to southeasterly 20mph at first gradually increasing to 30mph, gusty in places, reaching 35-40mph toward dusk, soon 50mph onward into evening, more powerful gusts develop.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery, increasingly affecting comfortable walking on exposed high terrain, considerable wind chill. Deteriorating to become more difficult late in day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	A little showery rain Often dry, occasional showery rain during day, mostly southern areas. Rain develops from south into night.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive early, but improving Covering many hills in the morning, lowest bases in the east, to some mid-slopes. Base tending to lift toward upper slopes during the day, breaks best in west, more widely later afternoon.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20% rising to 50% afternoon.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun develop, mainly west, best into afternoon, some high cloud starts to return from the south later. Misty start, visibility becoming good below cloud.
How Cold? (at 750m)	3 or 4C. Wind chill feeling like -5C.
Freezing Level	Above freezing to highest summits.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 5 February	Friday 6 February
How windy? (On the summits)	East to southeasterly 35 to 45mph, tending to lessen with time; very gusty around tops and locally downslope to	East to southeasterly 30 to 40mph, very gusty for a time, may tend to lessen during the daytime.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking strenuous, or arduous in places, frequent buffeting knocking you off balance. Significant wind chill.	Challenging conditions for several hours, arduous walking, buffeting gusts knocking you off balance. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain or snow mostly east Snow or sleet on tops, mostly rain below 600m, more frequent over eastern hills, at times more persistent. Patchy small amounts western Cambrians.	Rain at times Rain or sleet over hills from before dawn, may persist for several hours, but clearing northwards. Occasional showery rain follows from the south.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, lowest east Likely to shroud many hills, most persistent above 500-600m Black Mountains and southeast aspects of Brecon Beacons. Higher and more broken cloud westward.	Low cloud tending to lift and break Covering many hills early in day above 400-500m, perhaps lower at first in east. Cloud base rising toward upper slopes above 700m, some breaks forming.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	20% rising to 50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy and hazy, some brighter moments west coast, but little if any sun.	Largely cloudy, murky start, but visibility improving to be good at times away from showers, some glimpses of sun.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 or 1C, rising slightly with time. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C.	2 or 3C. Wind chill feeling like -8 to -12C.
Freezing Level	Close to freezing on some slopes above 700-800m, tending to rise above freezing up to most tops.	Above freezing to highest summits, but possible icy surfaces on some high tops.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 5 February, 2026

East or southeasterly winds prevail, persistent gales later this week, severe chill factor over the mountains. Freezing levels will vary, lowering widely again below 600m during Thursday, though staying higher in Wales; then less cold widely into the weekend, rising just above freezing point in Scotland toward 1000m or briefly higher. Colder air then likely returns from east next week. Further snowfalls mostly over eastern hills in Scotland, occasionally hills in England & Wales, mixed with rain here. Indications of less precipitation and lower wind speeds for periods during next week. Highest cloud breaks generally west & northwest Scotland.

Forecast issued at 16:25 on Tuesday, 3 February, 2026

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