

Brecon Beacons

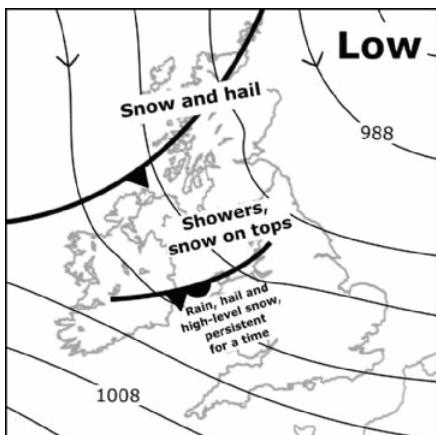
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Monday, 16 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 February, 2026

Snow over northwestern mountains in Scotland will tend to extend further into Lochaber and Cairngorms by afternoon as NW'ly winds strengthen, some hail mixed in. Strong westerlies for England, gale-force on Welsh mountains, heavy showers merging into longer periods rain, snow confined to higher tops.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Windy, gales over tops. Showery rain, hail, some snow tops.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 16 February, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Westerly 35 to 45mph, squally stronger gusts at times in heavier showers. At times 50mph higher Brecon Beacons in morning. Tending to lessen a little from north later afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging walking conditions, considerable buffeting with gusts knocking you off balance. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery rain, snow tops, hail; risk more persistent with time. Showers, merging into more frequent precipitation western Cambrians, setting in persistently heavier over an hour or more, likely advancing southwards across the region during afternoon. Snow falling over hills above 600-700m, wetter to tops afternoon. Risk of hail and isolated thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Cloud base varying, between 400m near precipitation and otherwise 600 to occasionally above 750m east Wales.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine - mainly lower slopes east Wales. Very varied visibility; very poor or appalling in snow, but otherwise excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1 or 2C. Then dropping overnight toward -2C. Daytime wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C on exposed higher areas.
Freezing Level	800m in morning, lifting just above highest summits. Then well into night dropping below 600m, frost forming into some valleys.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 17 February	Wednesday 18 February
How windy? (On the summits)	Northerly 20 to 25mph early morning, risk stronger up to dawn, but dropping, to NE'ly 15mph, or less during afternoon.	Southeasterly 40-50mph; constant powerful gusts over high terrain, topping out at 70mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Prepare for considerable wind chill in the morning, blustery conditions for a few hours at least, but improving.	Widely challenging conditions with severe wind chill; powerful gusts make staying on your feet constantly difficult.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation not expected	May be entirely dry Detail uncertain: The day could be substantially or entirely dry, but always a risk of patchy snow on southern and western hills, the risk rising late in the day.
Cloud on the hills?	Very little if any	Mostly just high terrain Cloud banks graze the high tops from time to time, gradually becoming more frequent and may more extensively cover high terrain late in the day.
Chance of cloud free summits?	90%	80%, may lower with time
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine, possibly thin high cloud toward south, mainly later. Superb visibility.	Often cloudy but with weak sun shining through at times. Very good visibility but some early haze.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 to -2C. Early in day, feeling like -8C directly in the wind, easing.	-2 or -3C. Feeling like -20C or colder in exposure.
Freezing Level	500 to 700m, lowest toward east.	300-400m, rising on northern and western slopes, up to 500-600m.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 17 February, 2026**

Much terrain frozen into midweek, frost into valleys and glens. Uncertain extent of strengthening winds by Wednesday, and possible snow moving into Wales. Late in the week and through next weekend, a switch to southwesterly winds is expected, bringing a change to milder conditions - lifting above freezing to tops in England and Wales, and generally higher freezing levels in Scotland; periods of thawing likely over the mountains, though some further snowfall at times on higher Munros. Rain most frequent over western hills. Generally windy with upland gales.

Forecast issued at 15:30 on Sunday, 15 February, 2026

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