

# Brecon Beacons

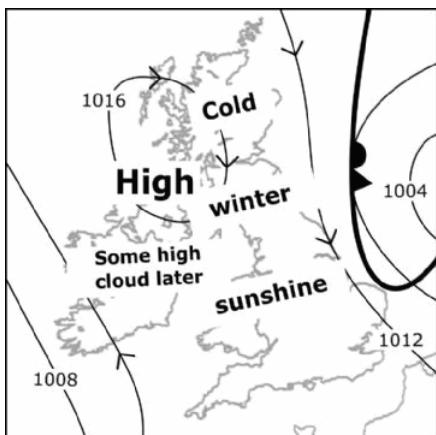
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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### General Summary for Tuesday, 17 February, 2026



#### British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 February, 2026

Early snow showers in northern Scotland and north Wales, these easing to dry and sunny conditions across the country. Lying snow remains on most slopes above 700-800m, locally lower. A blustery morning, particularly eastern areas where powerful gusts will reach gale force, but easing to fairly small effects widely.

#### Headline for Brecon Beacons

Cold winter sunshine; lying snow on high terrain

### Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 17 February, 2026

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.
Effect of wind on you?	Prepare for considerable wind chill in the morning, blustery conditions for a few hours at least, but improving to fairly small effects.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	No precipitation
Cloud on the hills?	Very little if any
Chance of cloud free summits?	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine, a veil of thin high cloud gradually approaches from the southwest with time. Superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 to -2C. Early in day, feeling like -8C directly in the wind, easing.
Freezing Level	500 to 700m, lowest toward east, then lowering more widely overnight.

## Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 18 February	Thursday 19 February
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southeasterly 40-50mph; constant powerful gusts over high terrain, approaching 60mph or higher	Easterly 25-35mph, gusty over high terrain; an easing trend, possibly towards a lull for a time with variable wind.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Widely challenging conditions with severe wind chill; powerful gusts make staying on your feet constantly difficult.</b>	<b>Strenuous walking in exposure to start the day with wind chill; effect may become fairly small but detail uncertain.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Patchy snow, more late in the day</b> Some patchy snow but often dry for several hours into the day. Snow becomes more widespread from the south late in the day, falling as rain below 300m.	<b>Some morning snow</b> Snow affecting central and eastern hills from before dawn, soon starting to ease and break into odd patches, likely dry by afternoon.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mostly high terrain, deteriorating</b> Cloud banks often covering the high tops, occasional breaks for clear hills, but gradually becoming more frequent and may more extensively cover high terrain late in the day.	<b>Fairly extensive early, likely improving</b> Fairly extensive over high terrain early in the day, bases to the middle slopes near and east of Brecon. An improving trend is likely, though variably returning to high tops, greatest risk in the east.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>70%, lowering to 40%</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Often cloudy but with weak sun shining through at times. Very good visibility but some early haze.	A cloudy start, sun breaking out with time, best in the west. Improving visibility, some haze around.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	Between -3 and -1C. Feeling like -20C or colder in exposure.	-1 or 0C, some variability, may locally reach +1C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	300-400m, rising on western slopes, up to 500-600m or higher over Cambrians.	Around 400-600m, notable local variability, highest levels west of Brecon.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 18 February, 2026**

Much terrain frozen midweek, frost into valleys and glens. Strengthening wind on Wednesday with considerable gustiness, gales likely in Wales; possible snow moving into Wales as well, which may move further north but detail is uncertain. 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 to Munro summits, though some further snowfall at times on higher Munros during periods of cooler northwesterly wind. Rain most frequent over western hills. Generally windy with upland gales.

**Forecast issued at 15:52 on Monday, 16 February, 2026**

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