

Brecon Beacons

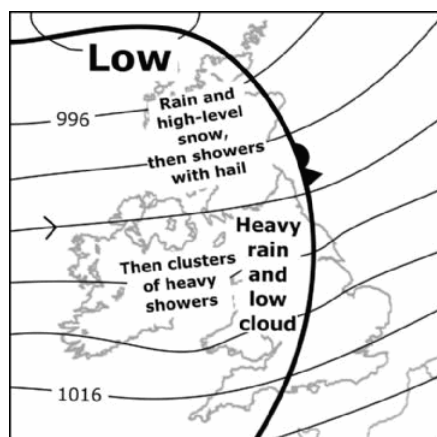
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Friday, 20 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 20 February, 2026

Extensive gale-force southwesterlies. A rise of freezing level toward higher tops in Scotland, where early hill snow soon turns mostly to rain. Lifting above freezing to highest tops in England & Wales by dawn, a few hours of heavy rain. Clusters of heavy showers follow into all western areas with hail, a chance of thunder.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Upland gales. Wet much of day, heavy rain for periods.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 20 February, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 45 to 55mph, speeds fluctuating, but often powerful gusts, lessening a little toward sunset.
Effect of wind on you?	Challenging conditions all day with significant wind chill; maintaining stability requires constant effort/crouching.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Often raining, heavy at times, with hail afternoon A swathe of persistent rain soon arrives from dawn into morning, widely heavy, most sustained toward west. Breaking into showers, but these clustering again into afternoon to more prolonged rain at times, heavy bursts with hail, risk isolated thunder. Wet underfoot where snow melts.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive Cloud shrouds high terrain and slopes to the west and south down to the middle slopes most of the day. Cloud at times well broken and higher bases towards mid-Wales/Black Mountains, but extensive here too during rain.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy but some bright/sunny breaks will come and go, best east. Variable visibility, good out of cloud and rain, but some haze too.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Rising from before dawn to reach 6C. Feeling like -7 to -10C in direct wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits by dawn onward; beware of still frozen patches on tops.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 21 February	Sunday 22 February
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 30 to 40mph, lowest speeds early morning, but increasing through day toward 50mph mid-late Strenuous walking conditions, making balance challenging on exposed ridges, increasingly difficult during afternoon.	Southwesterly 30 to 40mph, squally gusts in showers, tending to strengthen. Strenuous walking over the hills, challenging on exposed higher terrain with buffeting gusts. Considerable wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Rain and drizzle Rain on and off, persistently drizzly at least, more constant rain for periods in west, becoming heavier with time into afternoon. Patchier eastern mid-Wales.	Showery rain mostly west Overnight rain clearing southwards around or soon after dawn. Then occasional showery rain, most frequent western Cambrians, risk of hail.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Extensive Blanketing the hills all day, rarely above 300-400m west and southwest areas. Slightly higher eastward, and furthest east in mid Wales, bases toward 600m at times. 10%	Most frequent western tops Covering most higher slopes from dawn, but then rising and breaking toward higher tops as rain clears. Patches likely to come and go on tops around 700-800m, most often in western areas. 40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull. Hazy, visibility widely poor in rain.	Sun breaking through at times mainly eastern areas. Visibility very good, but reduced in showers.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	5 or 6C. Where exposed to stronger winds on tops, feeling like -5 to -7C. Above the summits.	4 or 5C. Wind chill feeling like -7 to -10C on tops. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 21 February, 2026

Southwesterly winds brings milder conditions into this weekend - lifting above freezing to tops in England and Wales with substantial thawing, and generally higher freezing levels in Scotland; periods of thawing to Munro summits will occur but also further snowfall and refreezing on higher terrain during the day-to-day variability of precipitation and freezing levels onward into early next week. Likely colder later next week, back below freezing on higher terrain for a run of days. Often windy with periods of upland gales. Some spells of heavy rain over all western hills and low cloud frequently covering the hills.

Forecast issued at 16:30 on Thursday, 19 February, 2026

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