

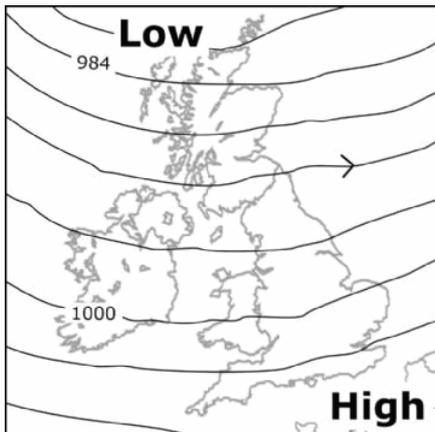
# Brecon Beacons

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, 13 March, 2026



**British Mountain Summary:**  
**Based on forecast chart for noon 13 March, 2026**

Cold widely gale force upland winds around a deep low north of Scotland, will bring a succession of snow and hail showers to the mountains. Cloud will extensively cover the mountains (the highest cloud base well inland afternoon). Much higher terrain will be below freezing point.

**Headline for Brecon Beacons**

Upland gales; squally hail and snow showers. Fog.

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 13 March, 2026

<p><b>How windy? (On the summits)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>West to southwesterly soon 30 to 40mph, strongest Cambrian range and highest tops elsewhere.                  Will tend to ease toward 3mph.</p> <p><b>Strenuous walking over exposed higher terrain,, particularly morning when buffeting considerable and wind chill significant.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet?</b>                  (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p><b>Hail and snow showers, risk thunder</b>                  with hail, possibly merging into almost constant precipitation over an hour or so.                  Snow falling to 400m in morning, then above 650m.                  Risk isolated lightning.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p> <p><b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b></p>	<p><b>Often covering higher tops</b>                  Cloud base varying sometimes quickly: near precipitation shafts of cloud 450m or lower and persistent higher areas.                  During drier periods cloud base typically 700 to 900m (generally highest Black Mountains).</p> <p><b>40%</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b>                  Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Bursts of sun west, or more frequent bright sun east Wales.                  Visibility often very good eastern areas, but further west at times very poor in showers.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b></p> <p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>-1C rising to 1C afternoon.                  Will feel as cold as minus 11C directly in the wind.</p> <p>500m at first, rising gradually toward 900m.</p>

## Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 14 March	Sunday 15 March
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly, ranging from 20 to perhaps at times 30mph.	Southwest veering west typically between 40mph, perhaps occasionally 50 or 55mph on highest topsm.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Mostly fairly small, particularly morning.</b>	<b>Continued difficult walking and wind chill significant on exposed higher areas. Expect balance to be tricky.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Showers.</b> Showers particularly morning; of sleet higher slopes.	<b>Rain; later clearing to showers</b> Morning: Extensive rain. Middle of day or into afternoon: Clearing from west, but the rain finishing as sleet highest tops. Later: Occasional showers, sleet or snow higher tops
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Almost constantly covering higher tops</b> Varied cloud base: sometimes below 450m near precipitation but by late morning periods when most cloud above 600 or 700m.	<b>Hills covered morning; then cloud base rising markedly</b> Morning: Blanket of fog across the hills, breaks to 700m west Wales. Middle of day: Beginning to improve. Into afternoon: Varying cloud base, between occasionally 500m near precipitation and otherwise 750 to 900m.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>Less than 10% morning; later 70%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Patches of sun, mainly east Wales north from Black Mountains. Hazy.	Dull and misty morning. Then improving to patchy sun (sunniest east Wales) and mostly very good visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	1C. Will feel as cold as minus 12C directly in the wind.	5C dropping to around 1C. Will feel as cold as minus 8C where exposed to the wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Just above highest summits.	Above the summits morning, then dropping to, or perhaps just below 900m.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 14 March, 2026**

Further bouts of upland gales over the next few days. Precipitation on most mountains daily, focussed on western hills. Freeze thaw cycles will occur: on the Scottish Highlands, thaw periods fairly brief and snow accumulating on many slopes. Further south, lying snow more intermittent as periods of thaw will be lengthier. Temperature levels will rise from about next Tuesday and as pressure then builds, most or all mountain areas will then become largely fine.

**Forecast issued at 13:05 on Thursday, 12 March, 2026**

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