

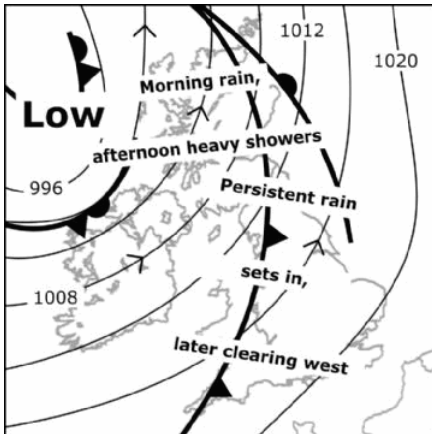
# Brecon Beacons

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, 17 April, 2026



**British Mountain Summary:**  
**Based on forecast chart for noon 17 April, 2026**

Strong, gusty wind all day, gales in Scotland, risk severe coastal northwest. Persistent early rain in Scotland breaks to heavy showers, frequent west, clusters spreading east. Several hours of heavy rain sweeps east across England and Wales; driest start Pennines, and dry windows later in Snowdonia and Lakeland.

**Headline for Brecon Beacons**

Often raining well into the day, breaking west; blustery

## Detailed Forecast for Friday, 17 April, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southwesterly 30-35mph, some variability, gusty too. An easing trend afternoon, towards 20-30mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Strenuous walking in exposure through morning with buffeting gusts and notable wind chill. Effects tending to ease afternoon, though staying blustery in exposure.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Rain well into the afternoon, often heavy, easing west</b> Patchy rain and drizzle from dawn, soon setting in from the west, persistent for several hours with heavy falls, most extensive southern slopes. Tending to ease from the west afternoon, but lingering over eastern hill groups, perhaps well into the day. Later, only scattered showers west, and perhaps largely dry.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Variable, most southwest, more extensive for a time</b> From dawn, cloud shrouds the high tops, variable lower banks, mostly west of Brecon and south. Soon filling in widely to middle slopes as rain sets in for several hours, to lowest southern slopes. Cloud breaking from the west later, summits at times clear, but returning above 700m in showers.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>10%, later rising to 40% west</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Mostly cloudy, dull for several hours as rain sets in with poor visibility. Glimpses of sun from the west later with good visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	6 or 7C. Coolest in the west, and beginning to cool afternoon into evening, likely cooling several more degrees overnight. Feeling as cold as -5C in direct wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.

## Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	<b>Saturday 18 April</b>	<b>Sunday 19 April</b>
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Westerly 20 to 25mph, gusty in showers. Trending northwesterly and easing somewhat. <b>Fairly small effect on walking, but feeling blustery and chilly in exposure on higher areas.</b>	North-northeasterly 5-15mph. <b>Small</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Scattered showers, risk hail</b> Scattered showery rain, mostly western Cambrians in the morning, risk brief locally heavier bursts with hail.	<b>Any precipitation unlikely</b>
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Lifting mostly above tops</b>  Patchy cloud mostly western areas in the morning, likely to come and go on highest tops, briefly to 600m in west at first, may continue to graze tops for periods around showers, but much cloud lifting from tops.  <b>60%</b>	<b>Odd fog banks early, hills soon clear</b>  Odd ragged patches of cloud at various heights in the morning, including mist in sheltered valleys. Any cloud soon lifts and dissipates after sunrise for cloud-free hills.  <b>90%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief bursts of sun, some sun more often toward coast later in day. Visibility often excellent, briefly reduced during showers.	Mostly sunny, some thin high cloud around, and some fair weather cloud building afternoon. Excellent visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	4 or 5C, marginal rise into afternoon. Feeling below freezing directly in the wind.  Above the summits.	4C from dawn, rising to 7C.  Above the summits.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 18 April, 2026**

Saturday stays showery, heavy at times with hail, most frequent and heavy in Scotland and northern England. Sun between the showers, conditions improving from the south, and then the weather more widely settled on Sunday: light or negligible wind, often sunny with chilly morning temperatures, though widely rising by at least a few degrees. High pressure north of Scotland next week facilitates east-to northeasterly winds, which may be quite blustery and gusty at times. Generally cooler temperatures too. Occasional light showers drifting from the east, notably early week, snow flurries on higher terrain. Variable freezing levels, likely lowest early in the week, and also some valley frosts at dawn. A mix of cloud and sunshine, most often sunny to the west of high hill groups where temperatures more mild.

**Forecast issued at 15:31 on Thursday, 16 April, 2026**

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