

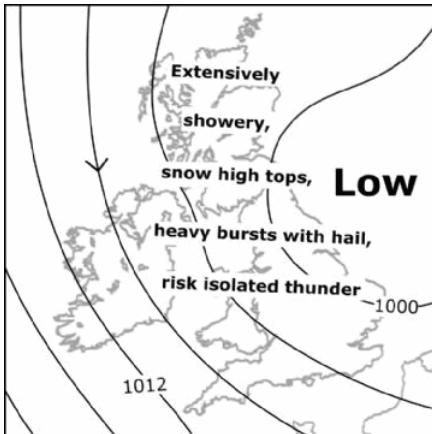
Brecon Beacons

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 Wednesday, 13 May, 2026



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

Cold for the time of year, with a cyclonic and unstable north-westerly bringing an increasingly widespread showery day across the hills. Showers heavy, with hail and risk of isolated thunder. Snow falling above around 700m. Gusty north-westerly winds, particularly strong and turbulent in and around the showers.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Cold, windy and showery. Showers heavy, with hail and snow tops; risk thunder.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 13 May, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	West to northwesterly 30 to 45mph, gusts in excess of 50mph at times in and around showers.
Effect of wind on you?	Significant wind chill, very blustery, strenuous walking on high terrain, buffeting gusts making balance challenging.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showery, hail, snow highest tops Showers mostly toward west Wales early morning, but increasingly widespread, heavy bursts with hail, risk isolated thunder; snow at times falling on high tops mostly above 700m.
Cloud on the hills?	Sometimes capping tops in showers Patchy cloud around some higher slopes in morning, mainly western areas. Most cloud often lifting above the hills, but some ragged patches to 600m around showers.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Brief bursts of sun and intermittently excellent visibility, but suddenly very poor during showers.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1C rising to 4C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C.
Freezing Level	Close to freezing on highest summits early morning, rising above, but lowering briefly near high tops in showers.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 14 May	Friday 15 May
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	North-westerly 15 to 25mph, but perhaps up to 30mph for western coastal hills. Feeling cold for mid May, with considerable chill in the north-westerly wind.	Northerly 15 to 25mph, strongest around dawn when perhaps some tops up at 30mph. May impede walking at times, mainly in the morning when the wind chill factor will be most pronounced.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Showers developing widely, some hail. Mostly dry start, before showers develop and become fairly widespread in the afternoon, Some heavy with hail.	A few showers, transferring inland. A few showers, perhaps some hail, with snow over the tops initially. Showers well scattered and generally transfer through day from the coast to well inland.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Varied, but often above tops away from showers. Given flow direction, generally well elevated bases with tops often clear. However, in and around showers, shafts of cloud may lower onto tops. Sleet tops. 60%	Occasional patches tops Generally bases lifting through day and well elevated, but occasional patches will cover tops at times, perhaps frequent for a time morning west of Brecon. 70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine best well inland early in the day. Otherwise, fleeting glimpses between the showers. Visibility very good, but poor in showers.	Patchy sun, best early morning and west coast afternoon. Visibility very good, but lowering in showers.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	2C Above the summits	3C Above the summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 14 May, 2026**

Staying notably chilly for mid-May through this week as air from the north-northwest prevails, with showers heavy at times and containing hail with snow over the tops, but over the weekend a front will edge in and bring a change to westerly winds.

Next week may see ridging across England and Wales giving drier conditions, but occasional rain and blustery south-westerly winds for Scotland.

Forecast issued at 16:35 on Tuesday, 12 May, 2026

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