

Brecon Beacons

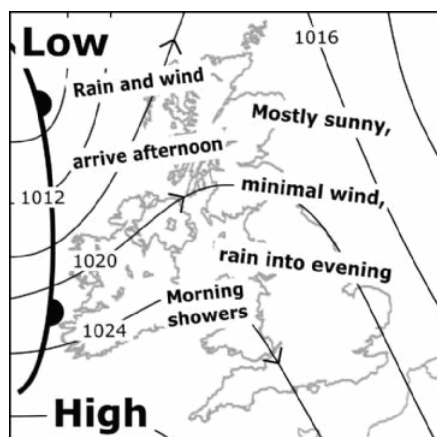
Includes all higher summits in the southern half of Wales: the Bannau Brycheiniog / Brecon Beacons National Park, southern Cambrian Mountains and highest Preseli hills.



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General Summary for Thursday, 8 October, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 8 October, 2026

Early showers in north Scotland and Wales will fade, widely dry and bright conditions for several midday/afternoon hours. Cool-to-chilly, little wind. High cloud builds west, wind and rain arriving to west Scotland afternoon, spreading east and into England and Wales as evening approaches, deteriorating into night.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Cool and mostly sunny; high cloud builds later, rain around evening

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 8 October, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly around 30mph to start, lessening and shifting westerly 15-20mph, later shifting southwesterly and restrengthening to finish near 30mph, rising further overnight.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small most of the day, though notably blustery in exposure to start, then significantly deteriorating overnight.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Substantially dry during daylight Some showers drift onto the Cambrians from dawn, a few reaching into the Brecon Beacons, easing for largely dry conditions well into the day. Patchy rain returns from the west around evening, exact timing uncertain, but quickly becoming frequent.
Cloud on the hills?	Early patchy cloud largely clears Varied banks above 700-800m early, more extensive along coastal Cambrians, lifting and breaking up for little cloud well into the day. Cloud returns to high terrain evening, filling in overnight.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Early patchy cloud will break up for mostly sunny conditions, then high cloud arrives and thickens as afternoon goes. Very good visibility, a little haze mostly towards the Irish Sea.
How Cold? (at 750m)	5 or 6C, rising a degree during daylight, then sharply rising overnight to 10C or higher.
Freezing Level	Above the summits.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Friday 9 October	Saturday 10 October
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Westerly 40-50mph morning, lessening to around 35-40mph, but gusty all day, most powerful to 60mph early. Conditions at least arduous with buffeting affecting balance, more challenging to start. Notable wind chill	Westerly 35-45mph, quite gusty, may lessen somewhat later. Arduous walking, sometimes more challenging with buffeting affecting balance. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Morning rain, substantially dry afternoon Rain and drizzle most of the morning, the rain fairly persistent with some heavy falls. Rain will break for substantially dry conditions, a few scattered showers on hills nearest Irish Sea, increasing into night.	A little rain Some showery rain will drift onto the Cambrian mountains from the Irish Sea, generally light in nature. Rain sometimes spread more broadly across Brecon Beacons, but rainfall amounts to little and some mountains stay dry.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Extensive morning, often clear afternoon Blanket cloud to 500m at least, often lower, particularly on south aspects in heavy rain where fog will form into valleys. Timing uncertain, but cloud will rapidly break up for several afternoon hours of minimal hill cloud. 10% rising to 70%	Largely or entirely clearing A little ragged cloud here and there on sheltered slopes to start the day, lifting and generally breaking up. A few cloud banks will cling to the high Cambrians and highest Brecon Beacons, but this will ultimately clear. Rising to 80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, dull most of morning with poor visibility. Afternoon is mostly sunny though hazy.	Often sunny, more patchy in the west/around the Cambrians. Good visibility though a haze.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	11 or 12C most of morning, suddenly cooling to 7 or 8C. Feeling like -2 to -5C in direct wind. Above the summits.	5 or 6C. Feeling like -5 to -8C in direct wind. Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 9 October, 2026

Rain, low cloud and strong upland winds across Britain overnight into Friday morning. Friday and Saturday are windy and showery with bright breaks, a risk of severe gales on many summits. Sunday sees a more settled day as a small ridge of high pressure builds from the west; wind eases, plenty of bright breaks, cool temperatures.

Next week sees continued mixed weather: bands of rain coming and going, temperatures similarly fluctuating: generally mild, but sometimes chilly in Scotland with freezing levels lowering onto high Munros where rain turns to snow; any accumulating snow soon thaws. Westerly wind will be dominant, often quite strong, gales at times, but this allows for drier, brighter windows on eastern hill groups between weather systems.

Forecast issued at 15:26 on Wednesday, 7 October, 2026

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