

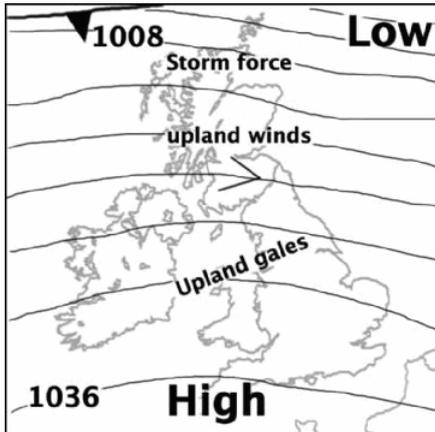
# Brecon Beacons

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## General Summary for Saturday, 23 December, 2017



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 23 December, 2017**

Windy; upland gales higher tops N Wales northwards to storm force winds Scottish Highlands. Very extensive fog across even lower western slopes, breaking only eastern mountains and south Wales. Patchy rain western mountains, becoming heavy W/NW Highlands.

### Headline for Brecon Beacons

Increasingly windy; fog west Wales tending to extend southeast.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 23 December, 2017

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Westerly, 25 to 35mph, although perhaps 40mph by dusk.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking increasingly arduous where exposed on higher areas.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Drizzle here and there</b> A little drizzle here and there, mainly areas near and west of Brecon.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Gradually filling in across the hills</b> Fog from just above valleys many areas, although very little will reach Black Mountains north to Radnor. However, summits above 500 or 600m may well be above the cloud, although the trend will be for the fog to fill in on higher slopes from the northwest.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>80% Black Mountains to in afternoon almost nil areas west of Brecon</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Sun east Wales and perhaps above fog on high tops. Low level haze or murk, but visibility excellent where above cloud.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	5 to 8C; lowest where in cloud.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Above the summits.

## Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	<b>Sunday 24 December</b>	<b>Monday 25 December</b>
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southwesterly, speeds increasing quickly with height; 40mph, perhaps 35mph easternmost Wales. <b>Difficult walking where exposed on higher areas. Significant wind chill.</b>	Southwesterly 50 to perhaps 60mph. <b>Very difficult walking conditions across the hills. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Rain mostly west</b> Drizzly rain on and off although total rainfall small, especially easternmost summits north from the Black Mountains where it may remain dry.	<b>Rain increasingly setting in</b> Rain and drizzle will become increasingly constant and in afternoon heavy western mountains. The rain will amount to little and be 'off and on Black Mountains northwards.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Blanket of cloud across the hills</b> Shrouding the hills most of the day above 400-550m, but often lower areas south of Brecon. Highest cloud base toward Radnor Forest where most cloud above 600-700m.	<b>Blanket of fog across the hills</b> Fog will shroud the hills all day, widely from lower slopes areas south of Brecon. However elsewhere, patches below 450m but most cloud confined above 500 to locally 700m.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Dull and murky or hazy although pockets of sun Radnor Forest.	Sunshine rare if any. Misty or hazy.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b> <b>Freezing Level</b>	5C. Above the summits.	5C. Above the summits.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 24 December, 2017**

Much colder all mountain areas from Boxing Day. Snow will return to many summits, particularly Scotland, where there will be day on day accumulations from lower slopes up. Further south, snow will accumulate higher areas - although temporary melting is likely, particularly Wales. Here, nearly all rain on lower slopes. Wind direction and speeds will vary, periods of light wind are probable on almost all mountain areas.

**Forecast issued at 13:32 on Friday, 22 December, 2017**

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