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Brecon Beacons

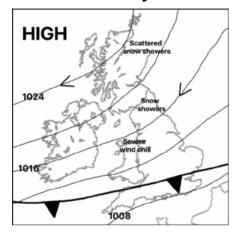
Also includes all higher summits in southern half of Wales.





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General Summary for Saturday, 6 January, 2018



British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 6 January, 2018

An area of high pressure northwest of Scotland will feed a cold northeasterly airflow across all areas. Winds will reach gale-force across higher terrain bringing severe wind chill and a few snow showers, mainly to eastern Scotland, northern England and for a time Wales. Extensive winter sunshine across western Scotland.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

A cold day with severe wind chill and a few snow showers.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 6 January, 2018

How windy? (On the summits)	Northeasterly, 30 to 40mph, risk locally 50mph, likely strongest afternoon.	
Effect of wind on you?	Severe wind chill will make it feel closer to -20C, and walking difficult on higher areas. Also sudden buffeting near & west of major ridges.	
How wet?	Local snow showers	
	Chance of a few areas of snow showers, mainly morning, but much of the region may stay generally dry.	
Cloud on the hills?	Often clearing	
	Occasional banks of cloud capping higher areas, but frequent breaks to many summits.	
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	
Sunshine and air	A little sun, mostly west.	
clarity?	The air quite clear overall, but may be reduced around any showers.	
How Cold? (at 750m)	-3C	
Freezing Level	500m	

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Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 7 January	Monday 8 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly, in range 25 to 40mph.	Easterly 25-35mph, but locally reaching 40mph across higher areas.
Effect of wind on you?	Severe wind chill. Considerable buffeting some areas, particularly near/west of major ridges and summits.	Will make walking arduous at times throughout the day with significant wind chill. Strong gusts occasionally reaching lower slopes.
How wet?	Precipitation not expected	Largely dry
		Dry for much of not all of the day. However, now and again, a little fine drizzle or snow grains may affect some eastern and southern hills.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly very little	Extensive, but breaking in west
	Chance of banks of low cloud drifting onto some eastern slopes, otherwise likely clear.	Extensive low cloud will shroud the hills, especially in the east, throughout the day. However, there will be breaks in the cloud across hills west of Brecon with some peaks clearing for several hours.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%	50% west, 20% east.
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine mostly west, perhaps often cloudy east. Superb visibility.	Bursts of sunshine breaking through in the west. Visibility suppressed due to marked haze.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-3C	0C to -2C
Freezing Level	Terrain widely frozen. Only partial thawing of lower sunlit slopes.	500-800m, but terrain partially frozen from valleys up.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 7 January, 2018

High pressure will bring a dry day on Sunday with plenty bright winter sunshine. However, it will be cold with terrain widely frozen and there will be very low overnight temperatures in Highland glens. The area of high pressure will then drift toward Scandinavia early in the new week. Timing is uncertain, but fronts are likely to encroach from the Atlantic during midweek, bringing fresh snowfalls. Gradually less cold air should arrive as the week progresses, although most mountain terrain remaining frozen.

Forecast issued at 13:37 on Friday, 5 January, 2018

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