

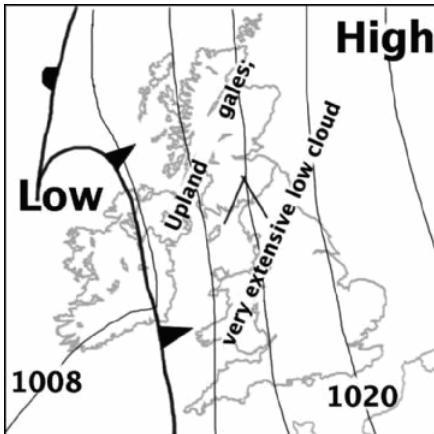
Brecon Beacons

Also includes all higher summits in southern half of Wales.



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General Summary for Saturday, 13 January, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 13 January, 2018

Widespread strong gusty winds, reaching gale force western and northern upland areas. Very extensive fog both valleys and mountains, although this breaking up north of some higher tops. Rain, or inland partly refrozen rain, will extend slowly inland from west, but timing uncertain.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Upland gales/near gales. Widespread persistent fog; rain spreading inland.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 13 January, 2018

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly, 30 to 45mph; local strong gusts lower slopes, notably windy some passes and cols.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking arduous on higher areas, and in some areas, not necessarily higher tops, sudden considerable buffeting. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	Rain slowly edging inland Timing uncertain, but rain will slowly envelop hills toward the west coast and extend inland. The rain may not reach easternmost summits.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive, Almost blanket fog, from lower slopes up. Breaks to 500m or above northwest of Brecon and Llandrindod although in rain these may well fill in.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Less than 10%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Dull and murky, with fog from low levels up.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1 to 3C, coldest east Wales. Will feel as cold as minus 12 Celsius directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	800m east Wales; elsewhere above all summits.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 14 January	Monday 15 January
How windy? (On the summits)	South to southwesterly, 10mph - strengthening after dark.	At dawn southwesterly 55mph; during daylight soon easing to give a temporary lull, then westerly 30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	Negligible during daylight.	Will impede ease of walking on higher areas (after difficult walking conditions overnight and just into daylight).
How wet?	Risk of a little drizzle A little drizzle, mostly or only areas south and west of Brecon.	Snow and hail showers increasingly Overnight rain, perhaps finishing as snow on highest tops, will clear from west after dawn. Showers will follow, mainly afternoon, when of snow above 450m
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Fog from lower slopes up very persistent south Wales, except perhaps Black Mountains, where fog confined to valleys. In mid-Wales, confidence low: fog some valleys and summits, but some areas cloud free.	Intermittently shrouding higher areas Fog across the hills post dawn clearing to leave only shafts of cloud below 550m near showers, whilst frequently fog confined to or mostly above highest summits.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	60%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Patches of sun mostly mid and east Wales, in some areas above fog. General haze, although visibility excellent where above cloud.	Sunshine, most widely east Wales middle of day and afternoon. Away from precipitation, the air soon very clear.
How Cold? (at 750m)	3C	3C dropping erratically to 0C during daylight.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, but some terrain frozen after a frost.	Post dawn above summits. The dropping to reach 750m before dusk.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 14 January, 2018**

Almost constant strong cold westerly winds, frequently gale force on the mountains next week, will bring copious snowfall to western mountains, concentrated on the W & NW Highlands. The snow and often hail, will be showery in character, and accumulations will drop progressively eastwards. Temperatures only marginally above freezing point lower slopes Scotland, and frequently below freezing above about 600m England and Wales.

Winds may well veer northerly late in the week, maintaining low freezing levels.

Forecast issued at 13:22 on Friday, 12 January, 2018

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