

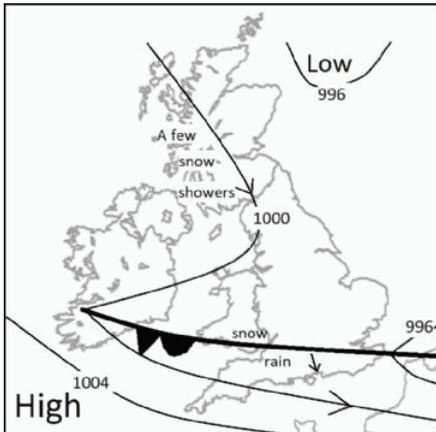
Brecon Beacons

Also includes all higher summits in southern half of Wales.



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General Summary for Saturday, 20 January, 2018



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 20 January, 2018

Snow showers fewer and lighter than recently - mainly far west. Most ranges except far south seeing some sunshine - best chance over sheltered eastern ranges Pennines northwards. Air extremely clear away from any showers. Winds much lighter. So, little or no new drifting. Severe frost setting in at dusk Scotland.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Snow flurries; sunny spells; winds becoming light

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 20 January, 2018

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly becoming variable, perhaps 20mph at first, but likely dropping to 10mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	Small.
How wet?	Possible snow flurries Precise detail uncertain: Typically just a few snow flurries. A small risk of snow developing more widely on western hills as fronts approach from the west in evening.
Cloud on the hills?	Variable amounts Patches of cloud on some slopes, mainly in west, perhaps forming widely if precipitation develops, but many summits toward the east frequently clear.
Chance of cloud free summits?	40%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Sunshine generally weak due to extensive high cloud. The air perhaps very clear but risk of haze and patches of mist edging northwards late in day.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1C
Freezing Level	Lifting to 600m; terrain frozen from valleys upward in morning; partial thawing of lower sunlit slopes.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 21 January	Monday 22 January
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Low confidence in this forecast: South perhaps later westerly, in the range 30 to 45mph. Walking may be widely arduous or difficult across the hills. Significant wind chill.	Westerly 35 to for a while 40mph. Walking difficult at higher levels for most of the day. Be prepared for squalls in any showers. Considerable wind chill.
How wet?	Persistent rain Timing uncertain: Rain may persist throughout the day, heaviest west & south of Brecon; snow just on higher areas at first, soon all turning to rain. Becoming very wet underfoot.	Rain soon clearing to a few showers Possible persistent rain at first. Then mostly just scattered showers - perhaps sleet and hail highest summits.
Cloud on the hills?	Likely extensive Shrouding the hills from low levels up most or all day. Breaks above 500-600m mostly toward the Black Mountains.	Extensive - less so later. Some patches to as low as 300m just on western slopes. Then typically around 750m once rain clears with increasing chance of breaks to above tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%	20% rising slowly to 50%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Widely overcast and probably dull, threat of extensive fog across the hills.	Glimpses of sunshine mainly in afternoon. Visibility widely poor in early rain and locally later in showers but often very good when dry though slight haze.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	0C at first, lifting above freezing, probably toward 5C. Near freezing point from low levels up at first, but freezing level expected to rise markedly to above higher tops in	5C falling to 1C Mostly above summits

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 21 January, 2018**

Still a lot of uncertainty as to just how quickly much milder air will penetrate northeastwards through Sunday. Several hours of heavy snow likely across most ranges before eventually turning to rain, drizzle or freezing drizzle across all ranges. During next week frequently windy; most precipitation western mountains. Freeze thaw cycles Highlands, but further south, although higher summits sometimes below freezing point, overall, snow melt through the week with many burns and rivers in spate early Monday.

Forecast issued at 12:12 on Friday, 19 January, 2018

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