

Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 02 May 2024 until 23:59 on Friday 03 May 2024

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 01 May 2024 at 13:54

Confidence: High confidence for the unsettled weather and moderate confidence in the details during Wednesday night and Thursday morning. Thereafter, low confidence in details of low cloud, precipitation and further thunderstorms, especially over the weekend.

Headline for Thursday 02 May 2024: Heavy, thundery rain clearing through the morning but remaining overcast with extensive low cloud and further heavy, possibly thundery showers through the day.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 02 May 2024

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
High Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
80%	>95%	90%	70%	70%	80%	80%	70%

Forecast for Thursday 02 May 2024

Weather: Heavy and persistent rain will continue through the early hours, bringing with it the risk of thunder, lightning and hail. This will steadily ease through the morning, but it will remain overcast during the day with extensive low cloud and further showery outbreaks of rain and drizzle, perhaps with the odd thunderstorm in the afternoon. Any brightness will be very limited and fleeting.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: Generally 20% for all parts through the day. Very occasionally 40-60% but this will be fleeting and mainly during the mid to late morning.

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive low cloud with bases around 400m for all parts during the day and lowering to 200-300m in rain and drizzle. Visibility outside of precipitation will be moderate, but in rain and drizzle this will be low or very low, so even nearby hills will become obscure.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	8/13 NW	10/14 N	13/18 N	11/15 NE	7/11 NE	6/11 NW	11/18 SW	12/19 W	12/19 W
300	4/9 W	4/11 NW	5/11 N	4/10 NE	5/10 NE	5/9 W	8/17 SW	9/18 W	9/18 W
Valley	6/11 W	5/11 W	4/10 NW	3/9 NW	3/9 N	5/10 W	9/18 SW	9/18 W	8/17 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	7/5	7/5	8/5	8/6	10/8	10/9	8/6	7/4	6/3
300	8/8	9/8	9/8	10/9	12/11	13/12	10/8	9/6	8/6
Valley	9/8	9/8	10/9	10/10	12/12	13/12	10/8	9/7	9/6
Freezing Level*	2500m	2600m	2600m	2500m	2600m	2600m	2500m	2500m	2400m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Meteorologist's View

Poor conditions persisting through Thursday. Overnight rain will lead to slippery paths and channels of water from runoff. Further rainfall during the day will lead to waterproofs becoming soaked.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
14:00 on Wed 01 May 2024	8mm	23.4mm	29.8mm

Forecast for Friday 03 May 2024

Weather: Outbreaks of rain and drizzle will continue through Friday, although steadily easing and pulling away to the north during the afternoon, allowing some improvement in the south by the end of the day.

Maximum wind: West/south-westerly 15-20mph, gusting 25-30mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 20% for most of the day, improving to 80-100% by the evening, although confidence is low around timings of a clearance.

Low cloud and visibility: 400m for much of the day, improving to rise above highest summits by the evening, with southern parts of the park likely to see the improvements first.

Temperature: **Valleys:** PS 06
At 600m: PS 08 becoming PS 11
Freezing level: Above summits