

SNOW WATCH

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PICK OF THE WEEK Canada's Banff Lake Louise surpassed its all-time snowfall record, with 9.1m this season.

SUMMARY While lower slopes are suffering from the spring conditions, there is still excellent skiing at altitude, particularly in the northern Alps.

FORECAST Next week will turn cooler but widespread snow is unlikely.

RESORT FOCUS Lower resorts in Austria, such as Söll (15-120cm), are beginning to wind down. For the best skiing, aim for higher areas, such as Ischgl (60-180cm) or Obergurgl (80-150cm). There is still plenty of snow in France, particularly at altitude such as Tignes (115-195cm) and Val Thorens (135-215cm). West is best in Italy, with great skiing on the upper slopes of Cervinia (40-270cm). Switzerland has plenty of good skiing, particularly at Davos (85-215cm) and Engelberg (30-545cm). If it's powder you're after, head to western Canada, where it is snowing heavily in Whistler (330cm).