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Snow forecast - Thursday 14 February 2013

After seemingly endless snowfalls for some parts of the Alps (particularly the north) the weather will settle down for a while with plenty of sunshine expected this weekend and well into next week. There is no real sign of spring on the horizon though - indeed temperatures may plummet again later next week - so, on the whole, snow conditions should remain excellent.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Today (**Thursday**) will continue cold but dry, with plenty of sunshine for all areas. **Friday** will see more cloud with a few light snow flurries in the western Alps. Many places will stay dry, however, with the best of any sunshine in the south (Carinthia).

On **Saturday** further (mostly light) snow flurries are again possible just about anywhere, but more likely in the northern Austrian Alps (e.g. Salzburgerland). From **Sunday** onwards the weather will settle down with lots of sunshine for all regions and, although it may turn temporarily milder, there is the threat of some very cold air returning by the middle of the week.



Glorious day in Wildschönau, Austria - Photo: www.viewbitto.com

France

Today (**Thursday**) will be mostly dry and bright, but cloud will thicken up in the north and west later with some overnight snow (500m) for the northern half of the French Alps (approx. 5-15cm). **Friday** will see further snow flurries (5-10cm) for the northern Alps, dying out later. The far south will remain dry with plenty of sunshine.

Saturday will be dry with lots of sunshine for all regions. The main half-term week will start dry and mostly sunny with a slight (but probably temporary) increase in temperatures.

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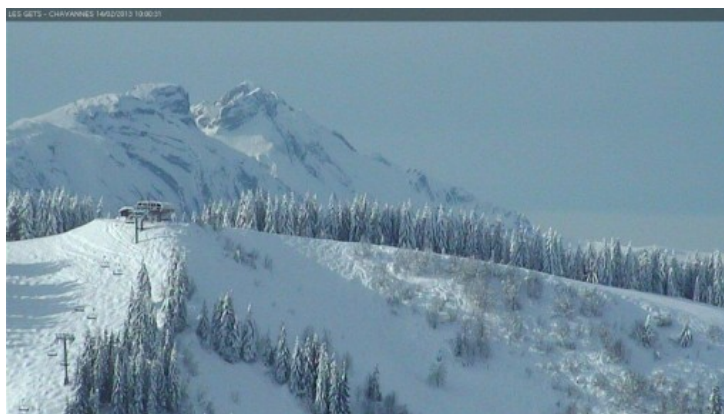
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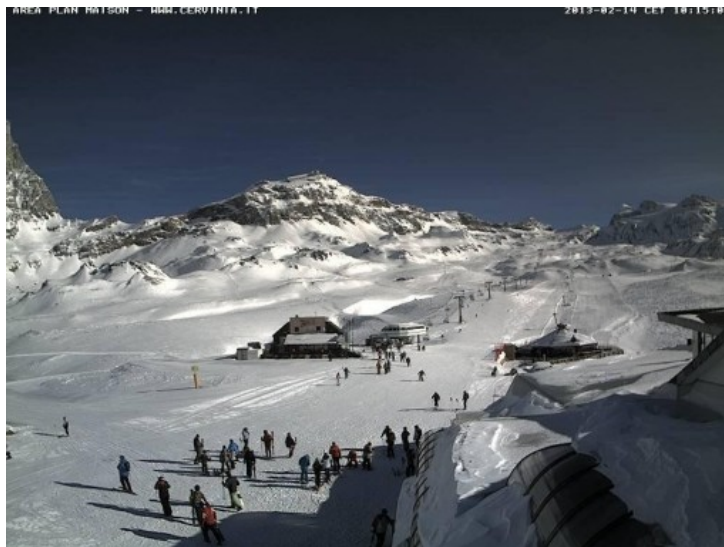


Bright start today in Les Gets but it is already turning hazier with some snow expected tonight - Photo: www.lesgets.com

Italy

Today (**Thursday**) will be mostly sunny, but with increasing cloud later in the far north-west (Aosta valley), where a little overnight snow is likely to low levels. On **Friday** it will start cloudy in the north-west, with a few snow flurries close to the border areas, dying out later. Most other areas will stay cold and dry with plenty of sunshine.

Saturday should also be dry and mostly sunny with just the chance of the odd very light flurry in the northern Dolomites. **Sunday** onwards is then expected to be dry, sunny with a slight (but probably temporary) increase in temperatures.



Bluebird day in Cervinia. A dusting of snow is expected tonight though - Photo: www.cervinia.it

Switzerland

Today (**Thursday**) will be mostly sunny, but cloud will increase in the west later with some overnight snow (heaviest across the northern half of the Alps where 10-20cm is possible). **Friday** will be mostly cloudy with further snow showers – again heaviest in the northern Alps (a further 10-20cm possible), with the best of any sunshine further south. The showers should begin to die away later.

There may be a little cloud in the east first thing on **Saturday**, but most places will enjoy a sunny day. The fine weather then looks set to continue into the first half of next week, but any increase in temperatures will be slight (and probably temporary).



Bright day in the Val d'Anniviers. This is Zinal.

Outlook:

The first half of next week will be mostly fine, with cold nights and pleasant but not overly mild afternoons. Some weather models suggest that much colder weather may return mid-week, with further snow in places, whilst other models keep the weather settled for the foreseeable future.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Monday 18 February, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates