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Snow forecast - Monday 18 February 2013

Compared to recent weeks there are a relatively quiet few days in store for the Alps with a little snow here and there but also plenty of sunshine. Although never particularly mild it will feel quite pleasant in any sunshine for the first half of the week before turning colder (and windier) again everywhere later.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Today (**Monday**) will be sunny just about everywhere. After a cold start, temperatures will recover a little and it should feel relatively pleasant at altitude. **Tuesday** should start dry and bright but cloud will increase with a few snow flurries (500m) here and there, most frequent in the northern Austrian Alps.

It will turn colder on **Wednesday** with further snow flurries possible to low levels in all alpine regions. It will turn colder still on **Thursday** with most of the snow flurries confined to the far south close to the Italian border. Elsewhere some sunshine is expected.



Bluebird day in Lech - Photo: www.skiarberg.at

France

Today (**Monday**) will be sunny everywhere. After a cold start, temperatures will recover a little (0°C around 1400m). **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** will also be fine, but there may be a little more cloud around in the afternoon. Temperatures will remain the same – cold by night, reasonable at altitude by day.

Thursday should also remain dry but the easterly wind will start to strengthen and the temperature will start to drop.



Mont Blanc viewed from Les Saisies - Photo: www.lessaisies.com

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Italy

Except for a little patchy cloud in some eastern areas, most places will be sunny today (**Monday**). After a cold start, it should also feel relatively pleasant at altitude. On **Tuesday**, the western Italian Alps should remain sunny. However, there may be a little more cloud in the far east (Dolomites) with just the chance of a snow flurry close to the Austrian border.

It will turn colder again on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** with an increasing chance of snow flurries (to low levels), especially in the east. There will also be some sunshine, however, and some places will stay dry.



Perfect weather in the Italian Alps today. This is Bormio - Photo: www.valtline.it

Switzerland

Today (**Monday**) will be mostly sunny with just a little patchy cloud in the east. After a cold start, it should feel relatively mild on the slopes. **Tuesday** will also be mostly dry and bright, but cloud will thicken up in the eastern Swiss Alps later in the day with snow flurries likely (to low levels) by the evening.

Further light snow flurries are likely in the east on **Wednesday** morning, dying out later. Plenty of sunshine is expected to continue further west. **Thursday** is likely to be mostly dry with just an isolated snow flurry here and there. It will turn colder though with a strengthening easterly breeze.



Gorgeous day across the Swiss Alps. This is Bettmeralp - Photo: www.bettmeralp.ch

Outlook:

Friday and the **weekend** will be cold with a brisk easterly wind. There will also be some snow flurries in places, especially (but not exclusively) across the southern and south-western Alps.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Thursday 21 February, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates