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Snow forecast - Monday 1 April 2013

Some places will see a little snow this week, but for many it will remain dry with sunshine at times. Temperatures will be below normal for April, which means the spring thaw will be relatively slow (non-existent on many higher slopes).

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Tuesday will be mostly dry with the best of any sunshine in the western Austrian Alps. Further east it may be cloudier at times with just an outside chance of a snow flurry (1200m). Temperatures will remain below normal for April, but it will feel pleasant in any afternoon sunshine.

There will be little change on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** with plenty of sunshine but also some cloud at times with the risk of the odd snow shower (1200m). **Friday** may be more generally cloudy with the increased threat of showers. However, no significant snow is expected at this stage.



Bright skies over Brand in the Austrian Vorarlberg on Monday afternoon.

France

Tuesday will be mostly cloudy with some bright or sunny spells here and there. Most places will stay dry but the odd snow flurry (1200m) can't be ruled out, particularly close to the Italian border. Temperatures will still be below average for the time of year (freezing levels at or below 2000m) but it will be pleasant enough where any sun gets through. Apart from an isolated snow flurry in the southern Alps, **Wednesday** will also be mostly dry with more in the way of sunshine once any early cloud dissipates. Freezing levels will be similar or slightly lower than on Tuesday.

It will remain on the cool side on **Thursday** with a greater risk of snow flurries (1200m), mostly across the southern half of the French Alps. However, many places will remain dry. On **Friday**, the risk of snow flurries (1200-1500m) becomes more generalised (though still greatest in the southern Alps). Some northern regions may escape the showers and remain mostly dry.

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Italian village breaks world 24hr snowfall record!

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Colder with some snow in the far eastern Alps. Mostly fine elsewhere.

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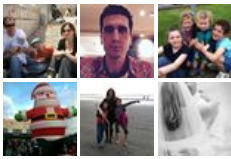
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Gloriously sunny today in Les Saisies - Photo: weathertoski.co.uk

Italy

Tuesday will be mostly dry with plenty of sunshine and just an isolated snow flurry (1200m) possible in the east. Temperatures will remain below average for April but it will feel pleasantly warm in any afternoon sun. There will be little change on **Wednesday**, except that any isolated snow flurries are more likely in the western Italian Alps.

Thursday may be cloudier at times, particularly in the central (Lombardy) and eastern (Dolomites) Alps where some snow showers (1200m) are possible at times. **Friday** is also expected to be unsettled with the chance of snow showers (1200-1400m) almost anywhere.



Clear skies over Livigno on Monday but some snow is expected later in the week - Photo: www.valtline.it

Switzerland

Tuesday will be mostly dry with some sunshine but also plenty of high cloud at times. Temperatures will remain below average for the time of year with freezing levels around 1600-2000m. There will be little change on **Wednesday** with plenty of sunshine once any early cloud in the south-west dissipates.

Thursday will be cloudy with showers or longer spells of snow (1200m) in the far south and south-east. Most other regions will stay dry with the best of any sunshine across the northern Alps. On **Friday** there may be further snow showers (1200m) in the far south. Further north, skies will be brighter and showers more isolated.



A little afternoon cloud over the Swiss Portes du Soleil where plenty of sunshine is expected this week - Photo: www.idelec.ch

Outlook:

Remaining cool (cold even for the time of year) with further snow showers in places.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Thursday 4 April, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates