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Snow forecast - Thursday 7 March 2013

The [Foehn](#) has died down but the weather will remain unsettled and mild over the next few days, with some rain/snow in places, particularly in the west. A dramatic return to winter is on the cards for next week.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Thursday will be mostly dry, but still rather cloudy with the best of any sunshine in the northern Alps where it will remain very mild. The southern Austrian Alps will see the thickest cloud and slightly lower temperatures. Here there is also still the risk of the odd shower (snow 1500m) close to the Italian border. There will be little change on **Friday** with the best of any sunshine in the northern Alps and just the chance of a few showers (snow 1500m) here and there later in the day.

On **Saturday**, all areas are at risk of some showers with a little snow above 1500m. Further showers are likely on **Sunday** and, with colder air digging in from the north, some snow is likely to 1000m or lower later in the day.



Brighter skies in the Austrian Vorarlberg this morning. This is Sibratsgfaell.

France

Thursday will be mostly cloudy but less windy than in recent days. A few showers are possible here and there, most likely close to the Italian border and/or in the southern Alps with a rain/snow limit between 1600 and 1900m. On **Friday**, a more organised front will move through the French Alps with snow above 1700m, dropping a little later.

Further weather fronts are also forecast to arrive later on **Saturday** with the rain/snow limit lowering to 1300m. **Sunday** will turn colder still with the chance of snow showers to 1000m.

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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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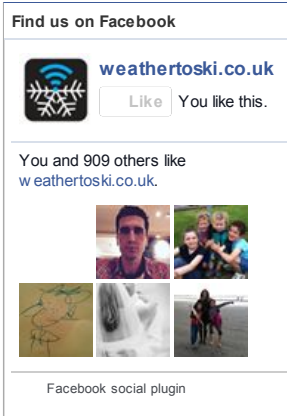
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Les Saisies with the Massif de Mt Blanc buried in the clouds in the background - Photo: www.lessaisies.com

Italy



Snowing again in western Italy this morning. This is Sestriere - Photo: www.vialattea.it

Thursday will be mostly cloudy with outbreaks of snow (1400m) in the western Italian Alps. Further east it should start dry, but here too a few showers (snow 1500m) are likely later. **Friday** will see little change with further showers, most frequent in the west, more scattered in the east with snow above 1400-1800m.

The situation becomes very complicated by **Saturday**, but looks like remaining mostly cloudy with further showers in places, perhaps heaviest further east this time with snow above 1500m. **Sunday** should be mostly dry, but it will start to turn a little colder.

Switzerland

Thursday will be mostly cloudy, but less windy than of late with just the odd snow shower here and there (snow above 1600m, lower in the far south). **Friday** may start dry, but more organised showers are likely later in the day, particularly in the west with some snow above 1700m.

Saturday and **Sunday** will see little change with mostly cloudy skies and further showers (snow above 1500m then 1000m on **Sunday**) though some southern areas may stay dry.



Cloudy on the Swiss side of the Portes du Soleil this morning. This is Champéry - Photo: www.idelec.ch

Outlook:

Current weather models suggest that winter will return with a vengeance next week with snow to low levels in many places.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Monday 11 March, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates