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Snow report - Friday 8 February 2013

Conditions in the Alps are nothing short of superb right now, particularly in the north where there is masses of fresh snow. Snowfall has been patchier in the southern Alps this week, but here too snow quality is excellent thanks to low temperatures.

Austria

Most Austrian resorts have fresh snow and conditions are excellent at all levels. The deepest powder is in the far west (Vorarlberg) where super-snowy **Warth-Schröcken** has 250cm at resort level and 335cm up top. Further east, the slopes are also in great shape with 80/150cm in **Westendorf** and 90/190cm in **Saalbach**. It's freezing cold though and temperatures are expected to stay low for the foreseeable future with further snow flurries from time to time.



Snowing again today in Warth-Schröcken - Photo: www.warth-schroecken.at

France

Conditions are near perfect today, especially in the north with fresh powder at all levels in **Les Gets** (125/260cm) and **Flaine** (170/450cm). In general there hasn't been as much snow in the southern Alps, but **Isola 2000** (154/235cm) has enjoyed more of the sun this week and with temperatures well below freezing the pistes are in excellent shape. Expect the cold weather to continue for some time yet with the next major snowfall arriving late on Sunday - heaviest in the southern Alps.

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Italian village breaks world 24hr snowfall record!

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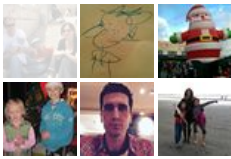
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Perfect conditions in Méribel - Photo: www.merilys.com

Italy

Conditions in Italy remain very good just about everywhere, despite most Italian resorts having missed the heaviest of the recent snow. One exception is the Aosta Valley, where it has snowed several times this week and conditions in **Courmayeur** (80/185cm) are excellent at all levels.

There has also been a little snow in **Madonna di Campiglio** (60/150cm), but whilst the pistes remain excellent, Italian resorts have not had the deep powder that we have seen further north. Their turn should come early next week, however, with a spell of heavy snow for the southern (and particularly south-western) Alps expected on Sunday night/Monday.



Sunshine in Cervinia today but it's bitterly cold - Photo: www.cervinia.it

Switzerland

Conditions are superb throughout Switzerland with lots of fresh snow, particularly in the north where **Engelberg** (115/495cm) boasts the deepest upper base in the Alps. Further south, **Saas-Fee** (96-293cm) also saw heavy snow earlier in the week and is in mint condition from top to bottom. It will remain cold for the foreseeable future with further snow showers across the northern Alps and more general snow possible on Sunday night/Monday.



Still snowing in the north-eastern Swiss Alps. This is Flumserberg - Photo: www.flumserberg.ch

Rest of Europe

The Pyrenees have seen some extraordinary snowfalls in recent weeks and it is still dumping in **Cauterets** where we suspect depths have now surpassed 6m up top! (It's been so snowy that information has been difficult to access). Whatever the case, this is the deepest base in the world and the first time (that we can remember) that snowfall figures in the Pyrenees have reached anywhere near that level.



Super-snowy Cauterets earlier this week - Photo: Matthieu Pinaud

Over in Bulgaria, **Bansko** (70/180cm) has seen some new snow at altitude, but also rain lower down. Snow depths are still good, however, as they are in Norway's **Lillehammer** (70/110cm) where it is colder and all pistes are in great shape.

A special mention to Scotland too, where snow cover is excellent and most (if not all) of **Glenshee's** 22 lifts are expected to open today!

USA

Most Colorado resorts have seen a little snow in the last couple of days with more expected this weekend. Snow depths are still modest in **Vail** (94cm mid-mountain), but skiing conditions are excellent at all levels. Further west, **Mammoth** has greater base depths (455cm up top), but hasn't seen any new snow for some time now, so the best conditions are on-piste. A special mention today for the east coast of the US, where a big winter storm is expected to dump serious quantities of snow.

Canada

Most western Canadian resorts have enjoyed fresh snow this week, albeit in modest quantities. **Fernie** has seen 7cm of snow in the last 24hrs with an upper base of 237cm. Further west, **Whistler** has 20cm of fresh snow and a mid-mountain base of just over 2m.



Good conditions continue in western Canada. This is Revelstoke - Photo:
www.revelstoke.com

Next full snow report on Wednesday 13 February, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates