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Snow report - Tuesday 2 April 2013

Snow conditions across most of the Alps are exceptional for the time of year – at altitude you would even be forgiven for thinking it was the middle of winter. Lower down, snow quality is more variable but, with temperatures well below average for early April, afternoon slush is less of a problem than it would normally be.

Austria

The lower valleys are now a bit green but there is still some good piste skiing to be had in **Söll** (50/120cm), which is now in its last week of the season. The most consistent snow quality, however, is in the higher resorts such as **Obergurgl** (70/180cm) and **Ischgl** (30/150cm) both of which are in prime shape and will remain open until May.



No sign of spring yet in Lech - Photo: www.skiarlb.org.at

France

Conditions are excellent for the time of year, especially at altitude, where resorts such as **Tignes** (150/320cm) and **Val Thorens** (165/365cm) are reporting near perfect pistes today (Tuesday). **WeatherToski** is in **Les Saisies** (191/226cm) right now where most of the skiing is below 2000m, and even here the snow is remaining firm for most of the day, at least on north-facing slopes.



Fantastic snow cover in Les Saisies - Photo: weathertoski.co.uk

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Italy

Snow conditions remain good for April thanks to the relatively low temperatures. For the most consistent snow conditions aim for higher resorts such as **Cervinia** (45/320cm) or **Passo Tonale** (90/400cm). However, even lower resorts such as **Sauze d'Oulx** (100/140cm) and **Selva** (50/170cm) are offering some excellent piste skiing, particularly early in the day and/or on north-facing slopes.



Good skiing today in Sestriere - Photo: www.vialattea.it

Switzerland

Snow cover is exceptional for early April, particularly in the west where the likes of **Verbier** (75/275cm) and **Zinal** (50/160cm) are in great shape, particularly at altitude. Only in the south-east are snow depths close to average, but the snow quality remains excellent in **St Moritz** (15/150cm) thanks to the relatively low temperatures which are forecast to continue all week.



Impressive snow cover still in Bettmeralp - Photo: www.bettmeralp.ch

Rest of Europe

Scotland deserves a special mention with resorts enjoying some of the best spring conditions in living memory. **Glenshee** has 100/220cm depending on altitude, **Cairngorm** 100/200cm. Snow cover is also excellent in the Pyrenees with 170/230cm in Andorra's highest resort **Pas de La Casa** where more snow is forecast in the coming week.



Unusually good snow cover in Scotland this Easter. This is the Lecht,

USA

Conditions have been a bit mixed this week with rain at lower elevations for some Rocky mountain resorts. The best of the fresh snow right now is in northern Utah where the base at **Alta** has finally hit 100" (254cm). Further west, **Mammoth** (California) has also had a top-up and boasts the highest upper base of any major USA resort with 476cm.

Most Colorado resorts are skiing reasonably well but would welcome another big dump and this is exactly what is in the forecast for next week. Currently **Vail** has 117m of settled snow mid-mountain, **Breckenridge** 158cm.

Canada

Most western Canadian resorts haven't seen any significant snow in a while but, on-piste at least, conditions remain pretty good in both **Whistler** and **Fernie** where the upper mountain bases are 240/270cm respectively.



Good skiing continues in Lake Louise despite no significant snow for a while - Photo: www.skilouise.com

Next full snow report on Thursday 11 April, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates