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Snow forecast

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The latest storm cycle, which has brought so much snow to the Southern Alps, has come to an end. It remains changeable however, with some welcome (if mostly light) snow for some northern Alpine regions on Tuesday (particularly Austria).

It will remain relatively cold for the rest of the week with further bits and pieces of snow here and there, but significant widespread snowfall is unlikely until early next week.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Tuesday will be mostly cloudy with outbreaks of snow (above 500-700m) heaviest (for once) in the northern Alps, where above 1000m some 10-15cm is likely. The southern Austrian Alps, particularly Carinthia will stay mostly dry.

On **Wednesday** it will be mostly dry with the best of any sunshine in the western Austrian Alps but still plenty of cloud in the east. Temperatures will be about average for the time of year with freezing levels close to or a fraction over 1000m.

It will remain mostly dry with sunny spells on **Thursday**, but cloud may thicken up in the far south later with the chance of the odd light flurry.

France

Tuesday will start mostly cloudy – there may even be the odd snow flurry across the northern Alps – but most areas should brighten up with the best of any sunshine in the south and freezing levels close to 1000m.

Most regions should stay dry with sunny spells on **Wednesday**, but high cloud is likely to thicken up from the west later. Some cloud may also plague the low valleys close to the northern and western foothills.

Thursday is likely to be rather cloudy with the risk of a few light snow flurries here and there, but many places will remain dry.

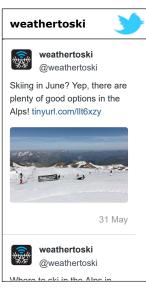


Masses of snow in Isola 2000 (near Nice) right now, but not much in the forecast - Photo: isola2000.com

Italy

Tuesday may start cloudy with the odd light snow flurry in the far north-west, but most places will stay dry with increasing amounts of sunshine and freezing levels close to 1000m.

Wednesday will be mostly sunny in all regions and a fraction milder.



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There is still a lot of uncertainty over the forecast on **Thursday**, but cloudier conditions are possible with a few light snow flurries here and there. Many places will stay dry, however, and there may even be a little sunshine.



Changeable this week in the Alps, but generally speaking not a huge amount of new snow. This is Antagnod - Photo: regione.vda.it

Switzerland

 $\textbf{Tuesday} \ \text{will be cloudy in the eastern Swiss Alps with some light or moderate} \\$ snow at times (500-700m) giving a few cm in places. Further west it should slowly brighten up with some good sunny spells developing.

Wednesday will be mostly sunny at altitude, but with some low cloud plaguing the central and northern valleys.

 $\textbf{Thursday} \ \text{looks set to be rather cloudy with the chance of the odd light snow}$ flurry here and there, but no significant snow is forecast.

Outlook:

The weather looks like remaining unsettled over the weekend with a little more snow for some (particularly on Sunday). Some more significant snow is possible early next week.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 24 January 2014, but see **Today in the Alps** for daily updates