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Snow forecast

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The Alpine weather remains unsettled but will turn very mild over the next 36 hours, especially in the northern Alps, where some Foehn affected valleys could see temperatures in double figures. A little rain is possible to 2000m in more exposed parts of the northern and western Alps, but it shouldn't pose too much of a problem, and by Sunday it will be cooler again with snow down to 1000m or thereabouts.

Detailed snow forecast:

Austria

Friday afternoon will be dry with long sunny spells and relatively mild temperatures.

It will remain mostly fine on **Saturday** with exceptionally high temperatures in some northern and western valleys due to the Foehn effect (16°C forecast in Salzburg).

Sunday will be cooler and cloudier with rain or snow – the snow mostly above 1000-1200m, perhaps lower in places later.

France

Friday afternoon will be cloudy in the northern Alps with a few showers. It will become very mild with the rain/snow limit reaching 2000m in some exposed areas, lower in the more internal/sheltered valleys. The southern Alps will be a little brighter – sunny even in the far south.

Saturday will see a lot of cloud across the French Alps with a few showers, more persistent in the south (snow above 1500-2000m). Further north, strong Foehn winds will keep things mostly dry, but it will be exceptionally mild. More general precipitation is forecast on Saturday night with the rain/snow limit descending to 1000m by dawn.

Sunday will start cloudy with snow showers (1000m) but these should die away later.



Very mild over the next 36 hours, especially in the northern and western Alps, with the risk of some rain. This is Manigod near Annecy.


Italy

Friday afternoon will be mostly dry with plenty of sunshine for most with the

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exception of the far north- west, where **Cervinia** is still cloudy with the odd flake of snow.

It will remain mostly fine on **Saturday**, though cloud will increase in the north-west later in the day with some snow likely on Saturday night (snow 1000m).

Sunday will be mostly cloudy with snow showers (above 1500m in the east, lower in the west) dying out in the west later.

Switzerland

Friday afternoon will be mostly cloudy in the northern and western Swiss Alps with a few showers. The rain/snow limit will vary hugely between 700m in some closed internal valleys to as much as 2000m in the exposed foothills of the north-west. The south-eastern Swiss Alps should stay dry with bright spells.

Saturday will be mostly dry with sunny spells, especially in the northern and eastern Alps where the Foehn effect will be strongest. Later in the day cloud will thicken in the west heralding a spell of rain/snow for most on Saturday night. The rain/snow limit may start quite high but will fall to around 1000m by dawn on **Sunday**. Sunday itself will be mostly cloudy with snow showers (800-1200m) dying out in the west later.



A mixed weekend of weather coming up in Arosa - Photo: arosa.ch

Outlook:

The outlook for next week is very uncertain, but it will remain changeable with a little snow in places but also plenty of sunshine.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Monday 17 February 2014, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates