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Snow forecast

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It's another changeable but relatively mild week in store for the Alps, with "bits and pieces" of snow here and there but no really big dumps in prospect. Everywhere will see at least some sunshine from time to time - so all in all, not a bad week to be spending out in the Alps.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

Tuesday will be dry and mostly bright with the best of any sunshine on the northern side of the Alps. It will be very mild, especially in Foehn affected valleys in the west and north. **Wednesday** will be cloudier with showers or longer spells of rain/snow (snow above 1300m in the south, 900m in the north).

Thursday may start cloudy in the east, but it should brighten up everywhere with relatively mild temperatures. It will turn colder again on **Friday** with some snow showers likely to 800m or lower.

France

Tuesday will be mostly dry and very mild but with plenty of high cloud, especially later in the day. The best of any sun will be in the far south. **Wednesday** will see thicker cloud and a few mostly light showers here and there (snow above 1200m).

Thursday will be mostly dry and relatively mild again, but cloud will thicken up later heralding a spell of snow on Thursday night (heaviest in the north). **Frida**y will be colder with a few snow showers likely to low levels early on, particularly in the north.

Italy

Tuesday will be mostly sunny and mild in most parts though it may turn cloudier later in the day. **Wednesday** will be more generally cloudy with showers and a little snow above 1200m in the west, 1500m in the east.

Thursday should be mostly dry again with variable cloud and sunny spells. On **Friday** it will turn cooler with some light snow flurries possible to 1000m almost anywhere later in the day.

Switzerland

Tuesday will be dry, but after a bright start cloud is likely to thicken up later. It will be very mild, particularly in the northern Alps. **Wednesday** will be mostly cloudy with some snow showers, most frequent in the east with a rain/snow limit of between 900 and 1300m.

Thursday will be mostly bright again, but cloud will thicken up later in the day, especially in the north. It will feel relatively mild for the time of year. **Friday** will be colder with snow showers (600m) heaviest in the north. The southern Swiss Alps will see the best of any sun and may stay completely dry.

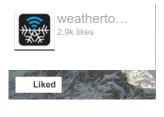


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Plenty of sunshine today in Villars, but it will be a mixed week of weather for most of the Alps - Photo: villars.ch

Outlook:

It looks like remaining changeable over the weekend with a few snow showers in places, but no really significant dumps. Temperatures will remain relatively mild for the time of year.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 21 February 2014, but see $\underline{\text{Today in the Alps}}$ for daily updates