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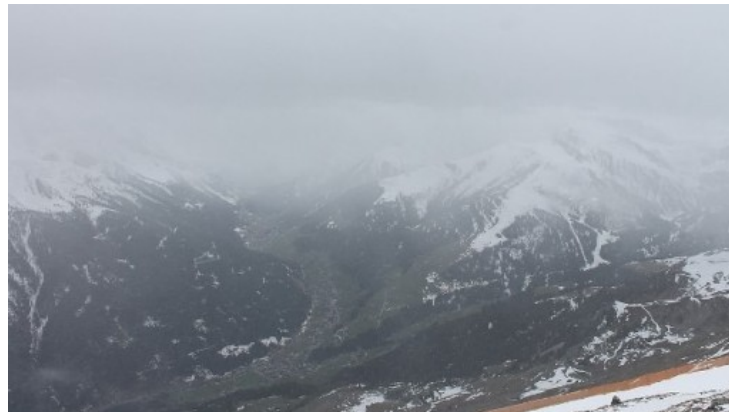
Snow report

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Conditions are mixed across the Alps right now. For most, spring still rules with rock hard pistes first thing followed by increasingly soft or slushy snow as the day progresses. However, there has been some new snow in parts of Austria, particularly at altitude and in the east. It is also possible to find good grippy snow in the sunnier west but, by afternoon, this is only confined to the highest, shadiest slopes (above about 2500m).

Austria

Many of the lower resorts are now closed for the season, but higher up there is still some good piste skiing to be had – even some fresh snow, especially in the east. **Obertauern** (80/130cm) is one resort where winter has made a temporary comeback, **Hintertux** (80/400cm) another. Further west, **Obergurgl** (30/110cm) and **Ischgl** (0/90cm) have seen little or no new snow, but here too there is plenty of good skiing at altitude.



Cloudy with some fresh snow for the Hintertux glacier today – Photo: foto-webcam.eu

France

There is still plenty of good skiing to be had at altitude, particularly in those resorts with plenty of shady runs above 2200m such as **Val d'Isère** (65/145cm), **Val Thorens** (100/210cm) and **Arc 1950/2000** (65/190cm). Many lower resorts are also still open, but here conditions are heavy going with only thin strips of snow among green fields now on the home runs in **Morzine** (15/180cm) and **Megève** (20/100cm). The weekend forecast is for more spring-like weather with no significant snow likely until the middle of next week at the earliest.



Excellent piste skiing still in the higher French resorts. This is Val d'Isère – Photo: valdisere.com

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Italy

Snow cover is still generally good thanks to the bumper falls earlier in the season. However, as with elsewhere in the Alps, you need to aim high for the best (grippiest) snow. **Cervinia** (40/300cm) is as good as anywhere right now, especially up on the glacier. The **Monterosa** region (40/200cm) is also skiing well, especially if you can stay above the mid-stations. However, resorts more exposed to the sun such as **Courmayeur** (50/175cm) are suffering more (despite almost complete cover) especially in the afternoons. The spring weather is expected to continue over the weekend.



Spring rules in the Italian Monterosa region, but there is still plenty of snow – Photo: monterosaski.it

Switzerland

Some low resorts such as **Wengen** (0/90cm) are now looking decidedly threadbare, but there is plenty of good skiing to be had at altitude, particularly in the south. **Zermatt** (10/190cm) and **Saas-Fee** (50/335cm) continue to be among the best bets (as they have been all season), but **Verbier** (15/165cm) and **Engelberg** (0/340cm) are two other options where, high up at least, the season is still going strong.



Spring is in control lower down in Zermatt, but higher up there is still plenty of snow – Photo: apartment-zermatt.ch

Rest of Europe

Spring skiing rules in the Pyrenees, though depths are still excellent for the time of year with 100/200cm in **Pas de La Casa** (Andorra) and 115/305cm in **Baqueira Beret** (Spain).

Bulgarian resorts are on their last legs after a disappointing season. **Pamporovo** has 30/50cm of settled snow depending on altitude. Better news in Scandinavia where nearly all major resorts are still open. The most impressive depths remain in Norway, despite no new recent snow. **Hemsedal** has 160/180cm, and **Geilo** has 90/105cm.



Snow cover is still impressive across the Pyrenees. This is El Tarter in Andorra – Photo: andorran-resorts.com

USA

Most western US resorts are enjoying excellent late season conditions. Some of the most impressive snow depths are now in Utah with 305cm mid-mountain for **Alta**. Colorado resorts have also benefited from recent snow with upper bases of 185cm for **Vail** and 260cm for **Breckenridge**, which has done particularly well this season.



Excellent late season skiing in Colorado. This is Arapahoe Basin – Photo: arapahoebasin.com

Canada

There hasn't been a huge amount of fresh snow across western Canada this week, but conditions remain pretty good for the time of year with 254cm of settled snow mid-mountain in **Whistler** and 371cm further inland in **Fernie**.

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