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Weathertoski.co.uk is in **Avoriaz** where (until today) the week has been dominated by sunshine and spring snow conditions. It did turn quite cold for a while mid-week with the snow remaining hard on north-facing slopes above 1900m for much of the day.

Generally speaking, however, the classic freeze-thaw cycle has been in full operation, as it has been across much of the western Alps. We say western Alps because parts of the east (notably Austria) had some fresh snow earlier in the week. However the benefits of this were temporary and many small resorts are in any case now closed.

The weather is turning again with snow for some over the next couple of days, heaviest in the south. The temperature will also drop, so skiing prospects are not bad, particularly at altitude.

Austria

Most low resorts are now closed on their last legs, such as **Saalbach** (5/30cm), but there is still some good skiing to be had at altitude especially in glacier resorts such as **Sölden** (0/325cm) and **Hintertux** (30/400cm). Non-glacial **Obertauern** (35/130cm), **Ischgl** (0/90cm) and **Obergurgl** (80/130cm) are also offering enjoyable piste skiiing.

The forecast is mixed with a little new snow in places, particularly late on Friday.



Plenty of snow on the Austrian glaciers. This is Sölden.

France

Weathertoski.co.uk has been in **Avoriaz** (80/160cm) this week enjoying some excellent spring skiing, though you have to get your timing right to avoid the worst of any ice/slush. The best conditions are, however, in resorts with plenty of skiing above 2200m such as **Val d'Isère** (40/130cm), **Argentière** (70/195cm) and **Val Thorens** (85/190cm).

After a sunny week, cloudier conditions are expected on Friday and Saturday with a few snow showers in places.

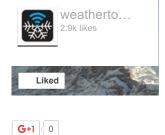


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Tignes is as good a bet as any in France right now. This is the Grande Motte glacier - Photo tignes.net

Italy

It's been some time since any Italian resort has seen any significant snow, but cover is holding up well (particularly at altitude) thanks to the massive falls earlier in the season. Spring conditions have been the order of the day this week, but there is fresh snow in the forecast, heaviest on Saturday. That said it still pays to aim high, with Livigno (120/200cm) and Passo Tonale (60/600cm) and Cervinia (35/290cm) all decent short term prospects.



Cervinia is probably the best bet in Italy, due to the sheer extent of its high altitude skiing - Photo: cervinia.it

Switzerland

There are still plenty of resorts open across Switzerland where sunny skies and spring skiing have been the order of the day this week. The best conditions are in resorts with lots of skiing above 2500m such as Zermatt (0/180cm) and Saas-Fee (30/330cm). By contrast, lower resorts such as Wengen (0/75cm) are on their last legs and looking decidedly threadbare. Some new snow is likely over the next couple of days, heaviest in the south on Saturday.

Rest of Europe

Snow cover remains good for April across the Pyrenees, despite sunny skies this week. Arcalis in Andorra has 140/240cm of snow depending on altitude, Baqueira Beret in Spain (65/255cm). Elsewhere in Europe, the best skiing is Scandinavia with 155/170cm of settled snow still on the slopes of Hemsedal, Norway and 45/65cm in **Åre**, Sweden.

USA

Excellent late season conditions continue in Colorado with fresh snow this week and 170cm of settled snow on the upper slopes of Vail, 230cm for Aspen. Californian resorts haven't been so fortunate, however, with no new snow and little serious off-piste in **Mammoth** (85/169cm) which has endured a difficult season overall.

Canada

Late season conditions are generally quite good in the resorts still open, including Whistler (239cm upper slopes) and Banff(140/210cm), both of which are expecting further snowfall over the coming days.



Excellent late season cover in Lake Louise, Alberta - Photo: skilouise.com

Next full snow report will be on Thursday 25 April 2014, but see $\underline{\text{Today in}}$ $\underline{\text{the Alps}}$ for daily updates

