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Snow forecast

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The Alpine weather is changing again as an area of low pressure deepens over the western Mediterrean. This time the southern Alps are most likely to see significant snow over the next couple of days, notably in Italy, while the north-western Alps (northern French and western Swiss Alps) see little or nothing.

The areas currently expected to see the most snow from this storm are the south-western Italian Alps from Limone up to the Milky Way, and the far south of the French Alps (Alpes Maritimes, Queyras) especially close to the Italian border. Some parts of the Dolomites may also see significant snow, which will push into Austria on Thursday and Friday.

Another feature of the weather this week will be the strengthening east-north-easterly wind which will make it feel exceptionally cold, especially in exposed parts of the northern Alps. All in all then still a very wintry picture...

Detailed snow forecast:

Austria

Wednesday will be mostly dry with variable cloud and sunny spells.

Thursday will be bitterly cold with a strengthening easterly wind bringing snow flurries to many parts, heaviest in the south (Carinthia).

It will remain cold, windy and cloudy on **Friday** with further snow showers, heaviest and most persistent in the east with the best of any brightness in the far west.



Gloriously sunny in Alpbach (Tirol) on Tuesday, but further snow is likely later in the week - Photo: alpbachtal.at

France

Wednesday will be cold and mostly cloudy, but except for the odd flurry most of the northern French Alps (roughly north of Grenoble) will stay dry. Further south there will be occasional snow flurries.

Thursday will continue mostly cloudy with a strengthening easterly wind bringing further flurries to the southern Alps, and some more significant snow close to the Italian border (e.g. **Isola 2000**). Further north, the odd flurry is again possible but mostly places will stay dry if bitterly cold.

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Friday will see snow flurries confined to the southern border areas with Italy. Elsewhere it will be dry with variable cloud, but will feel bitterly cold in a raw easterly wind.



A few snow flurries starting up in Isola 2000 on Tuesday, with heavier snow expected later in the week - Photo: isola2000.com

Italy

Wednesday will be dry with variable cloud across the eastern Italian Alps. Further west, cloud will be thicker with occasional flurries and some heavier, more persistent snow in the south-west (e.g. **Milky Way**).

Thursday will be mostly cloudy with snow showers almost anywhere, still likely to be heaviest in the south-west (**Milky Way**), and lightest in the central Italian Alps (Lombardy).

On **Friday** any flurries are likely to be lighter, and there will be sunny spells in places, especially in the central Italian Alps.



Light snow starting on Tuesday afternoon in the Vialattea, with plenty more expected this week. This is Claviere - Photo: vialattea.it

Switzerland

Wednesday will see lots of low cloud in the northern valleys with one or two snow flurries in the north-east. It will also be quite cloudy close to the Italian border, but in between and especially at high altitude there will also be some sunshine. A cold easterly wind will start to become noticeable.

Thursday will be mostly cloudy with a bitter east wind, strongest in the north where there will be occasional snow flurries. There might also be one or two flurries in the far south and south-east (Ticino/Engadin), but in between it should be mostly dry.

The bitter east wind will continue on **Friday**, with further flurries along the northern foothills (especially the north-east) and the best of any sunshine in the more central and southern Alpine regions.



Plenty of snow in Flumserberg right now, with some further light flurries likely later in the week -
Photo: flumserberg.ch

Outlook:

The weekend is likely to see further snow for a time in the eastern Alps (Austria) with drier and brighter but still chilly conditions the further west you are. Next week high pressure is likely to slowly take over the entire area with lots of sunshine, very cold nights but increasing daytime temperatures.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 6 February 2015, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates