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### Snow forecast

**Updated: 5.55pm Tuesday 31 March 2015**

The Alps are under the influence of a vigorous north-westerly airstream with high winds and, in the north at least, plenty of showers. After the recent mild temperatures, it is about to turn much colder, albeit not for very long.

Over the next few days the bulk of any new snowfall will be across the northern and eastern Swiss Alps, as well as Austria (away from the far south). The wind will continue to be a problem in places, particularly at altitude, only dying down significantly on Friday. The best of any sunshine will always be in the southern Alps.

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#### Detailed snow forecast:

##### Austria

**Wednesday** will see showers or longer spells of snow (400-600m) heaviest across the northern and western Alps. Further south any flurries will be lighter and more intermittent. It will be windy at altitude.

On **Thursday** and **Friday** it will remain very unsettled with further showers, still heaviest in the north and west with the rain/snow limit gradually rising above 1000m.



Looking very green in Kitzbühel today, but some snow is expected tomorrow - Photo: kitz.net

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##### France

**Wednesday** will be mostly sunny in the southern Alps, but cloudier further north with occasional snow showers (1000m), especially in the morning. It will remain very windy at altitude.

On **Thursday** scattered showers will continue to affect the northern French Alps, especially in the afternoon with a rain/snow limit around 1400m. It will remain windy, especially at altitude. The southern Alps will remain drier and brighter.

**Friday** is forecast to be mild with further showers possible, mostly in the northern Alps with a little snow possible above 1700m.

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
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Sunny today in the far southern French Alps. This is Isola 2000 - Photo: isola2000.com

### Italy

**Wednesday** will be mostly dry with variable cloud and sunny spells, though some snow showers (1000m) are still possible in the north-west close to the French/Swiss borders. It will remain very windy, especially at altitude.

**Thursday** will be very similar with plenty of sunshine and just a few snow showers close to the border regions in the north-west. It will remain windy, especially at altitude in the west.

On **Friday** a few showers are possible almost anywhere, especially later in the day with snow above 1800m.



Bright skies holding on for much of the day in La Thuile - Photo: weathertoski.co.uk

### Switzerland

**Wednesday** will mostly cloudy with further showers, heaviest in the north and east with snow above 600-800m. The far south may remain mostly dry and bright but it will continue very windy everywhere, especially at altitude.

There will be little change on **Thursday**, with further snow showers (700-1000m) mostly in the northern half of the Swiss Alps. It will remain windy, especially at altitude.

On **Friday** it will become milder but remain unsettled with further rain/snow (1400m), except perhaps in the far south.



Still very unsettled in the western Swiss Alps. This is Champéry/Les Crosets- Photo: idelec.ch

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**Outlook:**

It will remain changeable over the weekend with further snow in places.

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**Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 3 April 2015, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates**