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Snow report

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On the whole, snow conditions remain pretty good, even if (with the exception of the eastern Austrian Alps) there hasn't been any new snow for a while.

Temperatures have also cooled off a little, which means a less pronounced freeze-thaw cycle than we saw earlier in the week.

As for the weather, a little snow is possible in places over the weekend, mostly in the southern Alps, where it is likely to become heavier and more widespread for a time early next week.

Austria

There was a little fresh snow (2-10cm) in the eastern Austrian Alps on Wednesday where **Obertauern** has base depths of 150/200cm and is skiing as well as anywhere right now.

Further west, **Obergurgl** (54/175cm) missed out this time round but is also skiing superbly thanks to its high altitude.

Lower down, resorts such as **Kitzbühel** (10/106cm) should expect some spring snow conditions over the weekend, but the freeze-thaw cycle won't be as pronounced as it was earlier this week.



Reasonable pistes but no significant snow for a while in Badkleinkirchheim in southern Austria - Photo: foto-webcam.eu

France

The French Alps haven't seen any new snow for a while but, on the whole, conditions remain good, especially at altitude and on-piste where **Tignes** reports settled snow depths of 100/150cm and **Val Thorens** reports 130/215cm.

Lower down, conditions are inevitably more spring-like in resorts such as **Megève** (60/120cm) but, with cooler temperatures than recently, the freeze-thaw cycle is less pronounced.

A few flurries of snow are possible over the weekend, mostly in the southern Alps where they could become heavier and more prolonged close to the Italian border early next week.

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Spring conditions at low altitude in Méribel but, generally speaking, the skiing remains good - Photo: merinet.com

Italy

The Italian Alps haven't seen any new snow for quite a while but there is still plenty of good skiing to be found, especially on-piste.

Among the best resorts right now are **Cervinia** (45/250cm) and **Livigno** (61/171cm), but lower-lying **Courmayeur** (50/165cm) and **Sauze d'Oulx** (100/160cm) are also in good shape.

Some snow showers are expected over the weekend, with heavier and more prolonged snow likely in the western Italian Alps early next week.

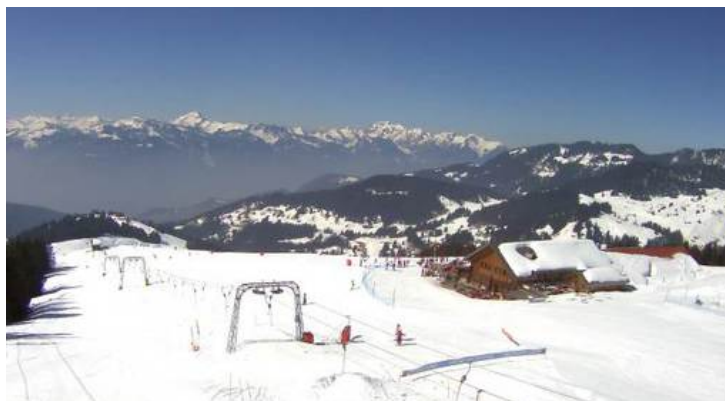


Spring has come early to the Südtirol, but at altitude the pistes are still in good shape. This is Kronplatz - Photo: foto-webcam.eu

Switzerland

Like much of the rest of the Alps, Swiss resorts haven't seen any new snow in the last week, but there is still plenty of good skiing on offer. **Verbier** has 41/220cm of settled snow depending on altitude, while **Zermatt** has 5/250cm.

Lower down, spring snow is more apparent in the likes of **Wengen** (25/115cm), but a slight cooling trend has meant that the freeze-thaw cycle is less pronounced than it was earlier in the week.



Spring snow in Villars this week, but cover remains good - Photo: villars.ch

Rest of Europe

Bulgarian resorts have seen huge snowfalls over the last week with excellent conditions reported in **Bansko** (295/335cm), both on and off-piste.

By contrast, spring has sprung in the Pyrenees this week. Snow depths are still impressive in Andorra's **Soldeu** (140/210cm), but some afternoon slush is in evidence.

Norway is still offering excellent skiing with base depths of 95/190cm in **Lillehammer**, while snow cover remain more modest in Sweden's **Åre** (45/60cm).

In Scotland the highly unpredictable weather continues with strong winds often closing the mountain at times. There is still quite a lot of snow at altitude, especially in the west, but snow quality is highly variable. **Cairngorm** has base depths of 20/80cm, while **Nevis Range** has 40/160cm.



Heavy snow in Bulgaria. This is Vitosha.

USA

Colorado hasn't seen any snow in the last week. A few showers are possible on Thursday and Friday but they will be rather hit and miss, and freezing levels will remain relatively high. Upper mountain snow depths are currently 147cm in **Winter Park** and 191cm in **Aspen**, both of which report spring snow conditions.

Spring snow can also be found in **Jackson Hole**, Wyoming (211cm upper mountain) and **Snowbird**, Utah (200cm upper mountain).

Canada

Whistler (142cm mid-mountain base) hasn't seen any significant snowfall for quite some time. A few flurries are possible at high altitude today - with perhaps some more significant snow (again at altitude) over the weekend - but overall conditions remaining disappointing.

Further inland, the **Banff/Lake Louise** area (146cm mid-mountain base) offers more consistent conditions, but here too more snow would be welcome - and is expected on Sunday.



Snow conditions in Canada remain better inland (as here in Lake Louise) than near the coast - Photo: skilouise.com

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