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## **Snow report**

Updated: 5.35pm Monday 16 March 2015

There is fresh snow in parts of the southern and south-western Alps, but the really big dumps have been relatively localised affecting mostly the Italian Piedmont (e.g. **Sauze d'Oulx** and **Sestriere**) and eastern Aosta (e.g. **Gressoney**).

Elsewhere in the Alps snow quality is more variable though, with temperatures generally a little below normal for mid-March, the spring thaw has slowed down somewhat.

It goes without saying, however, that the very best snow conditions are still at high altitude.

## Austria

Austrian resorts have seen little if any new snow over the last few days with the best conditions at high altitude.

**Obergurgl** (30/165cm) and **Obertauern** (150/200cm) are two of the best bets right now, while snow quality is more varied in lower lying **Kitzbühel** (15/108cm) and **Söll** (45/60cm).

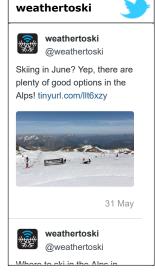


Good snow conditions still in the Austrian Vorarlberg. This is Damüls - Photo: damuels.at

## France

A handful of resorts close to the Italian border have new snow – e.g. Val d'Isère, where the Pisaillas glacier reports 20cm of fresh and settled snow depths are 105/160cm depending on altitude.

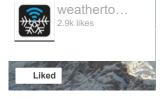
Elsewhere conditions are more mixed, with plenty of good piste skiing at altitude but spring conditions lower down. **Val Thorens** has base depths of 120/205cm, while **Les Gets** has 45/150cm.



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Mixed snow conditions in Morzine, as you would expect in mid-March - Photo: weathertoski

#### Italy

Some western Italian resorts have seen significant snowfalls, especially the  $\,$ Piedmont and eastern Aosta regions where the likes of **Sestriere** (140/180cm) and **Gressoney** (100/230cm) are now in as good a shape as anywhere in the

Further east, snowfalls were generally much more modest, but parts of the Dolomites had a useful top-up including  $\boldsymbol{Arabba}$  where base depths are 78/125cm.



Big snowfalls in the Milky Way region. This is Sestriere - Photo: vialattea.it

# **Switzerland**

A handful of southern Swiss resorts have seen a little fresh snow from the current storm but most have missed out. Andermatt (68/490cm) is one resort offering excellent skiing following a top-up, **Saas-Fee** (71/297cm) another.

Further north, Wengen (15/110cm) has remained dry, but at least the relatively low temperatures are slowing the spring thaw on the lower slopes.



Cover remains good in most Swiss resorts. This is Braunwald - Photo: braunwald.ch

# **Rest of Europe**

Conditions remain excellent in Bulgaria where base depths are 250/315 cm in **Borovets** and there is more snow in the forecast.

There is also good news for the Pyrenees, with recent top-ups in Andorra's

## Arcalis (180/285cm).

Over in Scandinavia, there hasn't been a great deal of snow in Norway but onpiste at least there is still good skiing to be found in **Hemsedal** (95cm midmountain).



Snow cover remains excellent in the Pyrenees. This is Angles - Photo: lesangles.com

# USA

It's mild and sunny across most of the Rockies right now with no significant snow in the medium term forecast. **Breckenridge** has 190cm of settled snow midmountain, while **Aspen** has 188cm.

## Canada

**Whistler** (150cm mid-mountain) has had a top-up of snow, but not enough to radically alter what has been a disappointing season to date.

Snow quality remains more consistent further inland in the  ${\bf Banff/Lake\ Louise}$  area (144cm mid-mountain).



The best snow in western Canada remains inland. This is Banff - Photo: skibanff.com

Next full snow report will be on Thursday 19 March 2015, but see  $\underline{\text{Today in the Alps}}$  for daily updates

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