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Snow report

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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 Pisailas 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 Alps.

Further east, snowfalls were generally much more modest, but parts of the Dolomites had a useful top-up including **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 250/315cm 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 on-piste at least there is still good skiing to be found in **Hemsedal** (95cm mid-mountain).



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 mid-mountain, 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 **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 [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates