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Snow report

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It has been mostly warm and sunny this week in the Alps with temperatures peaking at 25°C in Bourg St Maurice (850m) on Wednesday afternoon! Not surprisingly then, spring snow conditions have been the dominant factor, with only the very highest north-facing slopes remaining firm and grippy all day long.

Some low resorts are now closed for the season, particularly in Italy and Austria, but at altitude there is still some enjoyable skiing to be had, especially if you find yourself in a resort with plenty of slopes above 2500m and/or are canny enough to follow the sun round the mountain.

That said, it is about to turn cooler and more unsettled, and there will even be some fresh snow in places, especially at altitude later on Friday and early on Saturday.

Meanwhile, across the pond, Utah has seen its biggest snowstorm of the season...

Austria

Many of the lower resorts in Austria are now closed for the season but at altitude there is still plenty of skiing to be found, with the best conditions on the glaciers or in resorts where most of the slopes are above 2300m - such as **Hintertux** (20/290cm), **Obergurgl** (20/130cm) and **Ischgl** (0/150cm).

After a warm and mostly sunny week, cooler cloudier conditions are forecast over the weekend with wintry showers to relatively low levels.



Still mostly sunny today in Austria. This is the Mölltal glacier - Photo: foto-webcam.eu

France

Some of the lowest resorts in France (such as **Morzine**) are now closed, but higher up there are still plenty of options, among the best of which are **Val d'Isère/Tignes** (76/180cm), **Arc 2000** (45/200cm) and **Val Thorens** (115/230cm).

After the mini-heatwave this week, cooler more showery conditions are expected on Friday and Saturday with some fresh snow at higher altitudes.

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Good snow cover still in Tignes - Photo: tignes.net

Italy

Most low resorts in Italy have now closed, but there are still several high altitude options to be enjoyed, the most extensive of which is **Cervinia** (30/280cm) with its links over the border into Switzerland. Further east, **Passo Tonale** (50/420cm) is another good option.

After a spell of fine and very warm weather this week, it will turn cooler over the next few days with a little snow here and there at altitude.



The Val Senales glacier is one of only a handful of Italian ski areas still open - Photo: schnalstal.com

Switzerland

Lots of Swiss resorts remain open though, as with everywhere else, the best skiing is at high altitude in resorts such as **Zermatt** (0/270cm) and **Saas-Fee** (15/370cm) - though note the latter is scheduled to close this weekend.

After the recent warm and sunny run of weather it will turn colder over the next few days with some fresh snow expected at altitude.



Good skiing still available in the Samnaun/Ischgl area - Photo: samnaun.ch

Rest of Europe

Most resorts in the Pyrenees are now closed.

Scandinavia still offers a handful of options, including **Hemsedal** (95cm mid-mountain base) in Norway and **Åre** (67cm mid-mountain) in Sweden.

In Scotland three resorts remain open, with the best cover in **Glencoe** (30/150cm), though snow quality is not great right now.

USA

Utah has just experienced its biggest storm of the season with over 1m of new snow in places, which is great news for the likes of **Snowbird** where the mid-mountain base has just surpassed 100 inches (254cm) for the first time this season.

This snow will spread to many Colorado resorts over the next couple of days, with the heaviest snow on or east of the continental divide – for example, in **Winter Park** where the upper mountain base is currently 132cm deep.

Canada

Whistler (205cm mid-mountain) has seen some fresh snow on the upper mountain over the last week but it has turned warmer again and will become warmer still over the next few days, which means spring conditions will be the order of the day.

Conditions are better further inland, where **Lake Louise** has 169cm mid-mountain.



Plenty of good skiing still available in the Banff/Lake Louise area - Photo: skilouise.com

Next full snow report will be on Thursday 23 April 2015, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates