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Snow forecast

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High pressure is firmly established across the Alps this week and will bring mostly sunny weather (at least at altitude) up to and including Thursday. These are classic temperature inversion conditions – meaning that the chilliest weather will be in the valley bottoms, particularly where low cloud and fog linger, and the warmest weather on medium altitude slopes exposed to the sun.

All in all skiing conditions should be very pleasant this week.

Detailed snow forecast:

Austria

Monday to Thursday will be dry with stubborn low cloud/fog in some of the valleys, but lots of sunshine at altitude where it will feel increasingly mild day by day (+5°C or more possible at 2000m mid-week).



Zell-am-See, Austria - Photo: foto-webcam.eu

France

The northern Alps will be mostly sunny above any low cloud trapped in the valley bottoms today (**Monday**). The southern Alps will see more general cloud at times, particularly in the far south-east close to the Italian border where a few snow flurries are likely. It will remain cold under any cloud, but feel quite pleasant in any sun at altitude.

Tuesday to Thursday should be dry and sunny everywhere – at least above any low cloud that may persist in some of the northern valleys. It will feel very mild at altitude (+5°C or more possible at 2000m).

Italy


The far south-western Italian Alps have some cloud and the odd flake of snow to contend with today (**Monday**). Most other areas are sunny and pleasantly mild at altitude.


Tuesday to Thursday will remain sunny just about everywhere with temperatures rising at altitude to make it feel very pleasant in the sun.

Switzerland


Except for low cloud plaguing some of the lower valleys – particularly around the northern Alps – there will be lots of sunshine at altitude this week up to and including **Thursday**.

As with everywhere else in the Alps it will feel cold in the shadier and/or cloudy valley bottoms, but increasingly warm at altitude with freezing levels approaching 3000m at times.


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Outlook:

On **Friday**, a cold front will bring another blast of arctic air and snow to the Alps that will persist through the weekend. Weather models are very inconsistent with the intensity of this snow (there has been a downgrade in recent days), but it is sure to be heaviest along the north side of the Alps with the Austrian Arlberg/Vorarlberg perhaps the most favoured spots as things stand. The southern flank of the Alps may see little if any snow.

Looking even further ahead, high pressure is likely to reassert itself across the Alps next week and stay there for some time, meaning settled conditions for most.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Thursday 5 December 2013, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates