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If it's a game changing dump you are after, the weather in the Alps just isn't playing ball right now. Yes, tonight and tomorrow will see a few centimetres of new snow across some northern parts of the Alps, but it really won't be all that significant and the southern Alps will again miss out.

The medium term outlook (7-10 days) is complicated, with little general agreement from the various weather models. However, one thing for sure is that a return to winter proper seems further away than it did a few days ago.

There will be further bits and pieces of snow here and there over the next few days, first on Saturday in the north-eastern Alps (though probably very little), then perhaps more widely towards the middle/latter part of next week. However there is a still lot of uncertainty over this, and with fluctuating temperatures, there could also be some rain in the mix.

Our best advice is to keep checking <u>Today in the Alps</u> where we will be posting daily updates on the weather and snow situation in the Alps.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

The rest of **Tuesday** will be mostly fine with long sunny spells and freezing levels around 2400m. Tonight it will cloud over in the northern and western Austrian Alps, with a few showers possible in the Vorarlberg (e.g. Lech) later, with snow to 1500m.

Wednesday will be cloudy across the northern Alps, with some light or moderate precipitation and a little snow above about 1100-1400m. Carinthia and the Osttirol should stay mostly dry with some brighter spells.

Thursday and Friday will be mostly sunny again with freezing levels around 2000-2500m.

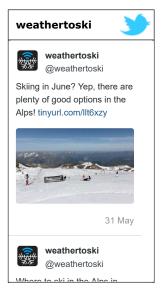


Fine today in St Johann im Pongau, but some snow is expected at altitude tomorrow - Photo: sanktjohann.com

France

The rest of **Tuesday** will be dry with plenty of sunshine, though cloud will increase in the north later. Tonight some light or moderate precipitation will reach the northern French Alps, with a little snow above 1700m, dropping to 1400m later.

The most persistent rain/snow will be in the Haute-Savoie (e.g. Portes du Soleil), with very little in the south of the Savoie region, and probably none at all in the southern Alps generally.



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Wednesday will start cloudy with a little rain (snow 1400m) across the northern Alps, but this will be replaced by brighter skies as the day progresses. The southern Alps should be brighter generally.

Thursday and Friday will be dry with sunny spells and freezing levels around 2000-2500m.



Sunny today in Méribel, with a possible dusting of snow later tonight - Photo: meribel.net

Italy

The rest of ${\it Tuesday}$ will be mostly sunny with freezing levels around 2000-2300m. Tonight a few showers (snow 1500m) may reach the far north-western Alps (e.g. Courmayeur), but most places will stay dry.

Wednesday will see variable cloud. Many places will remain dry, but a few showers are possible close to the northern border areas, especially early in the day and in the north-western Aosta Valley (snow 1400m).

Thursday and Friday will be dry and mostly sunny, with freezing levels between 2000 and 2500m.



No snow expected this week in Sestriere - Photo: vialattea.it

Switzerland

The rest of Tuesday will be mostly sunny though cloud will spread into the north-west later. Tonight some light or moderate precipitation will spread across many parts (snow 1700m then 1400m), though the far south and south-east (e.g. St Moritz) may stay dry.

Wednesday will begin mostly cloudy with further showers or longer spells of rain/snow (1300m), though perhaps lower in the central Valais. As the day progresses it will tend to brighten up in the west, but remain cloudy with further showers in the north-east (e.g. Flumserberg). The far south and south-east will again miss the bulk of the precipitation.

Thursday and Friday will be mostly fine with freezing levels around 2000-2400m.



Beautiful weather today in Crans Montana, but some light snow is expected later tonight - Photo: crans-montana.ch

Outlook:

The next very weak front will affect the north-eastern Alps on **Saturday**, but no significant precipitation is expected.

As for next week, we are still getting very mixed messages from the various weather models, but any serious return to winter seems unlikely at this stage. $\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \left$

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Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 11 December 2015, but see $\underline{\text{Today in the Alps}}$ for daily updates

