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Updated: 2pm Tuesday 26 January 2016

The weather has now turned very mild in the Alps, with temperatures more akin to spring than mid-winter.

There will be plenty of sunshine on offer this week, but a weak weather front will bring a few showers (and a little snow at altitude) to some parts of the Alps later on Thursday and early on Friday, chiefly in the north.

Looking a bit further ahead and another weak front will bring further showers to the northern and western Alps on Sunday. This could mean that some places will see a further modest top-up of snow, but also some rain lower down. The southern Alps will again stay mostly dry.

Detailed forecast:

Austria

The rest of **Tuesday** will be very mild with sunny spells, but also some areas of high cloud drifting around. Freezing levels will be around 2800m.

On **Wednesday** it will again be dry with probably more in the way of sunshine. It will be a fraction cooler, however, with freezing levels closer to 2500m.

Thursday will also be mostly dry with sunny spells, but cloud will thicken in the north later with a few showers possible by evening (snow 1500m).

Friday will start cloudy with scattered showers in the northern Austrian Alps (snow 1000-1200m), but these should die away to leave all regions dry with sunny spells by the afternoon. It will feel cooler than of late.



Bright but hazy over Innsbruck this afternoon - Photo: foto-webcam.eu

France

The rest of **Tuesday** will be dry with plenty of sunshine, but also some high cloud in places. Freezing levels will be close to 3000m.

There will be very little change in the weather on **Wednesday**, except for perhaps some thicker high cloud in places late in the day.

Thursday will start dry, but cloud will gradually thicken from the north-west, with a few showers across the northern half of the Alps later in the day (snow 1600-1800 dropping later).

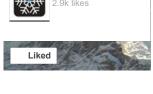
Friday is expected to be mostly fine and relatively mild again.



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A spring-like day in the lower reaches of the Paradiski. This is Montalbert - Photo: winter.montalbert.com

Italy

The rest of **Tuesday** will be dry with plenty of sunshine, though also with some areas of high cloud in places. Freezing levels will be close to 3000m.

There will be very little change in the weather on Wednesday, with bright/sunny spells and freezing levels between 2600m and 3000m.

Thursday will again be mostly dry with sunny spells, but cloud will thicken up in places later in the day, with one or two showers (snow 1600m) possible close to the northern border regions by evening and overnight.

Friday should be another dry, mostly sunny and relatively mild day.



A fine afternoon with some high cloud over Madonna di Campiglio today - Photo: funiviecampiglio.it

Switzerland

The rest of ${\it Tuesday}$ will be dry with sunny spells, but also some high cloud in places. It will be very mild with freezing levels close to 3000m.

There will be very little change in the weather on Wednesday, other than a slight drop in temperature at altitude.

Thursday should start bright or sunny, and remain so in the far south/southeast. However, cloud will thicken up in the north and west, with a few showers later in the day, with snow initially above 1700m but dropping later.

Friday may start cloudy in the northern and north-eastern Alps with the odd shower/flurry. However, there will be brighter weather in the west, which will extend to most areas as the day progresses.



Fine weather and empty pistes on the Swiss side of the Portes du Soleil. This is Champoussin - Photo: tele-morgins.ch

Outlook:

Saturday should be mostly dry. On Sunday, weather fronts will bring a little snow at altitude to some northern and western parts of the Alps but, with the air remaining mild, there is also the risk of some rain lower down.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 29 January 2016, but see <u>Today in the Alps</u> for daily updates

