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Updated: 11.15am Friday 19 February 2016

The weather in the Alps remains unsettled, and temperatures will be all over the place over the next few days - starting cold, before rising rapidly over the weekend, only to drop again later on Monday.

Today will be cold with light flurries across the north, while the south remains mostly dry with variable cloud cover.

Tomorrow (Saturday) further showers will again affect some northern parts of the Alps, especially the north-east. However, with milder air in the mix, the rain/snow limit will rise to 1500m or more later.

Sunday will be spring-like with plenty of sunshine and balmy temperatures, before a cold front brings back colder and more unstable air from the north later on Monday...

Detailed forecast:

Austria

The rest of **Friday** will see some snow flurries (500-800m), mostly in the north and west, while it will generally remain drier, if still rather cloudy, in the south.

Saturday may start dry, but further showers will spread to many parts, especially the north and west, with a rain/snow limit between 800m and 1300m.

Sunday will be mostly fine but exceptionally mild, with freezing levels approaching 3000m in the west.

Monday will start mostly fine and mild, but a cold front will reach the north and west late in the day bringing snow, initially above 1200-1400m but dropping to low levels overnight.



Snow flurries for Lech today - 19 February 2016 - Photo: lech-zuers.at

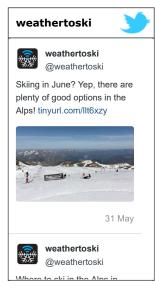
France

The rest of **Friday**, the northern French Alps will see a few light snow flurries (400-600m), gradually dying away, while the southern French Alps enjoy much brighter conditions with long sunny spells. It will, however, remain cold everywhere.

Saturday will remain dry and mostly sunny in the southern French Alps. Further north, cloud will increase with some showers likely later. It will turn milder, with the rain/snow limit rising to 1500m or more later.

Sunday will be mostly fine but very mild, with freezing levels in excess of 3000m.

Monday will start bright and mild, but a cold front will move in from the north-



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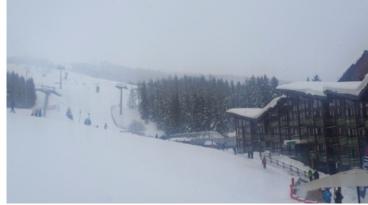
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west later with a little snow (1600m then under 1000m), mostly in the north. The further south you are the brighter it will remain, with plenty of sunshine in the far south.



Light snow flurries this morning in the northern French Alps. This is Les Arcs - 19 February 2016 Photo: weathertoski.co.uk

Italy

The rest of **Friday** will be cold but mostly dry, with variable cloud and just the odd light snow flurry here and there, especially close to the northern border regions. The best of any sunshine will be in the west and south-west.

Saturday will be mostly dry with variable cloud and sunny spells. It will turn milder with freezing levels reaching 2500m in the west later.

Sunday will be mostly sunny and very mild.

On $\textbf{Monday}\ \text{most}\ \text{places}\ \text{will}\ \text{remain}\ \text{fine,}\ \text{but}\ \text{cloud}\ \text{will}\ \text{increase}\ \text{later}\ \text{in}\ \text{the}\ \text{day}$ with the chance of a few showers in the far north-west. It will turn colder with the rain/snow limit dropping from 1500m to under 1000m later.



Cloudy but mostly dry in the Dolomites this morning. This is Kronplatz - 19 February 2016 - Photo: kronplatz.com

Switzerland

The rest of **Friday** will see a few mostly light flurries (400-600m) predominantly across the northern Alps, while further south there will be sunny spells.

Saturday may start dry but showers will spread back into the northern Alps later, with the rain/snow limit rising from quite low altitudes to around 1600m.

Sunday will be mostly fine and very mild with freezing levels above 3000m.

It will also start dry and mild on Monday, but a cold front will move in from the north-west later with snow above 1500m dropping to low altitudes overnight. The southern Swiss Alps will miss the heaviest of the precipitation.



Looking across the Engadin from Corvatsch (St Moritz).

Outlook:

The outlook for the rest of next week is very uncertain, but it does look like it will remain changeable with further snow in places.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Tuesday 23 February 2016, but see <u>Today in the Alps</u> for daily updates

