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Updated: 3.15pm Tuesday 23 February 2016

The weather in the Alps will remain very unsettled for the rest of this week, with lower temperatures than we have seen recently, if not particularly cold.

Most places will see further snow at some stage, heaviest at first in the northwestern Alps (especially in the French Alps), then later in the southern Alps, where there is the potential for some serious snow this weekend.

In short, it's not a great week to be skiing in the Alps, at least if it's sunshine you are after. However, many places will see some further significant snowfall, particularly at altitude and in the west...

Detailed forecast:

Austria

The rest of **Tuesday** will be mostly cloudy with showers, these becoming more frequent and persistent in the northern and western Austrian Alps (e.g. St Anton). The rain/snow limit will descend from above 1000m to 400-800m by evening. The far southern Austrian Alps (e.g. Nassfeld) will see fewer showers.

Wednesday will see scattered snow showers in the northern Austrian Alps (mostly in the Tirol, Salzburgland and Upper Austria), while other regions remain mostly dry but cold, with sunny intervals.

Thursday will start mostly fine, and remain so in the south and east. Further north and west, cloud will increase with showers later in the day (snow 500-800m). It will continue to feel chilly.

Friday will see a few scattered snow showers, mostly in the west (500-800m), with the best of any sunshine further north and east.



Cloudy in Pass Thurn today, with showers turning increasingly to snow later - 23 February 2016 - Photo: foto-webcam.eu

France

The rest of **Tuesday** will be mostly cloudy, with outbreaks of rain/snow mostly in the northern half of the Alps (e.g. Chamonix, Les Arcs) where they will become heavier for a time later. The rain/snow limit will start close to 1500m but drop to below 1000m by evening. The southern Alps (e.g. Montgenèvre) will see more variable cloud and a few sunny spells.

Wednesday will be mostly dry with variable cloud and sunny spells, although some snow showers will return to the northern Alps late in the day (snow 1000m).

Thursday will be cool and mostly cloudy with further snow showers (600-900m) at times, and only the far southern Alps (e.g. Isola 2000) likely to miss out.

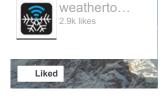




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Friday will be cool but mostly dry, with the best of any sunshine in the north. Later in the day, cloud will thicken in the south and close to the Italian border with a few snow showers (600-900m) here and there.



Snowing in Tignes Les Brevières this afternoon - 23 February 2016 - Photo: tignes.net

Italy

The rest of **Tuesday** will be mostly dry and mild with variable cloud and sunny spells. A few showers (snow 1400m) may affect the far north-west (e.g. Courmayeur) later in the day.

Wednesday will again be mostly dry with sunny spells, the best of these in the central and eastern Italian Alps (e.g. Dolomites). Later in the day, cloud will thicken in the west (especially in the north-west) with further snow showers (1000-1200m).

Thursday and **Friday** will see variable cloud and the chance of some scattered light flurries (1000-1200m) in all areas. Some places will also see some lengthy drier, brighter interludes.



Some brighter breaks today in the western Italian Alps. This is Sestriere - 23 February 2016 Photo: vialattea.it

Switzerland

The rest of **Tuesday** will be mostly cloudy with increasingly persistent rain/snow in the northern Swiss Alps (e.g. Wengen), moving slowly south. The rain/snow limit will begin above 1000m, but will drop to 600-800m later. The far southern Swiss Alps (Ticino) will miss the bulk of the precipitation.

Wednesday should start dry with sunny intervals, but further showers (snow 800-1000m) will reach the western Swiss Alps (e.g. Verbier) later in the day.

It will remain mostly cloudy on **Thursday** with further showers or longer spells of snow (700-100m), especially in the west. Some eastern regions will stay mostly dry.

Friday should see some early snow showers (600-800m) clear to leave most places with a dry day, with variable cloud and sunny spells.



Cloudy but still mostly dry this afternoon in Avers in south-eastern Switzerland - 23 February 2016 - Photo: avers.ch

Outlook:

It will remain unsettled over the weekend with the heaviest snow increasingly favouring the southern Alps.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 26 February 2016, but see <u>Today in the Alps</u> for daily updates

