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### Latest snow forecast

Updated: 5.15pm Tuesday 1 March 2016

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### **Detailed forecast:**

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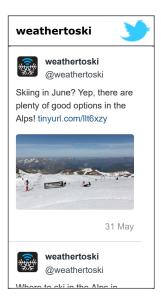


Brightening up after early snow showers in Schröcken - 1 March 2016 - Photo: warth-schroecken.at

# France

The rest of **Tuesday** will be mostly fine with variable cloud, and the best of the sunshine in the south (e.g. Serre Chevalier). Later in the day, cloud will thicken up in the far north-west with a little snow likely overnight (snow-line rising to 1200m or higher).

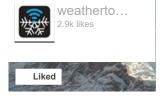
**Wednesday** will be mostly cloudy with light showery precipitation in the northern Alps early on, turning heavier later with the arrival of the cold front. The rain/snow limit will drop from around 1400-1600m to under 1000m later. The southern third of the Alps will probably stay dry.



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Thursday will be cold and windy with frequent snow showers to 400-600m in the northern Alps, and a few showers in the south.

Friday may start dry but another storm will move in from the west later, bringing heavy snow to many places. The rain/snow limit will start low but may rise to 1000m or so later.



Clear blue skies in the far southern Alps today. This is Isola 2000 - 1 March 2016 - Photo: isola2000.com

#### Italy

The rest of **Tuesday** will be mostly dry with lots of sunshine in the west, and more variable cloud in parts of the east.

Wednesday may start dry, but cloud will increase with some showers in places, becoming heavier and more widespread - first in the north-west (e.g. Courmayeur), then overnight in the north-east (e.g. Cortina), with a rain/snow limit of between 700m and 1000m.

Thursday will start cloudy with snow to low levels in places, especially in the far north-west and north-east, easing later. Flurries will be more scattered elsewhere, with the best of any sunshine in the far south-western Alps (e.g. Sestriere).

Friday may start dry in the eastern Italian Alps, but with snow in the west (to relatively low altitudes), which will spread to other areas later.



Picture perfect in Prato Nevoso today after the mammoth weekend snowfalls - 1 March 2016 -Photo: facebook.com/PratoNevoso

### **Switzerland**

The rest of Tuesday will be mostly dry with plenty of sunshine, but increasing cloud in the west with some light snow (400-800m) overnight.

Wednesday will be mostly cloudy with some showery snow, mostly in the north and west, becoming heavier with the arrival of the cold front later. The rain/snow limit will temporarily rise to 1200-1500m, before lowering to less than 1000m again late the day. The far south (Tessin) will see less precipitation.

Thursday will see frequent snow showers (400-700m) in the northern Alps, and fewer showers and more in the way of sunshine further south.

Friday will see further snow, first in the west but extending to all regions later. The rain/snow limit will generally remain low, but could rise to 800m or more in the west later.



Variable cloud cover in the Swiss Valais this afternoon. This is Visperterminen - 1 March 2016

# **Outlook:**

The weekend will remain unsettled and rather cold with further snow at times, heaviest in the west.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 4 March 2016, but see <u>Today in the Alps</u> for daily updates

