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Latest snow forecast

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After all the snow we saw earlier in March, the weather in the Alps has now settled down somewhat.

A few flurries are expected in places this weekend, notably in the eastern Austrian Alps, but they probably won't amount to much and the majority of regions will stay dry, with the best of the sunshine in the west.

Freezing levels will stay relatively low for mid-March, which will reduce the impact of any freeze-thaw cycles, which are inevitable at this time of year. Yes, the snow will still soften up on south-facing slopes, particularly on the lower ones, but generally speaking there will still be plenty of wintry snow available, especially in shadier areas and at altitude...

Detailed forecast:

Austria

The rest of **Friday** will see variable cloud, thickest in the east (e.g. Bad Gastein), with the best of any sunshine in the west (e.g. St Anton). Freezing levels will be around 1200-1700m.

Saturday and **Sunday** will see quite a lot of low cloud in the west, but spells of sunshine at high altitude. In the east it is likely to be more generally cloudy with the odd light flurry here and there, though some places will dry. Freezing levels will again be around 1200-1700m.

There won't be much change on **Monday**, with variable cloud, though it will perhaps be generally brighter, especially in the west.



Bright in the western Austrian Alps this afternoon. This is Ischgl - 11 March 2016 - Photo: ischgl.com

France

The rest of **Friday** will be mostly sunny with freezing levels between 1200m and 1800m.

Saturday will again be mostly sunny, but there will be some patchy cloud around at times, especially close to Italian border and further south. It will remain relatively cool with freezing levels again between 1200m and 1800m.

Sunday and **Monday** will see little change, with long sunny spells and just a little cloud here and there, especially close to the Italian border.

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Clear skies in Tignes - 11 March 2016 - Photo: tignes.net

Italy

The rest of **Friday** will be mostly sunny, except for the far east (e.g. Dolomites) where cloud cover will be more variable. Freezing levels will be between 1200m and 1800m.

Saturday and **Sunday** will again be dry with plenty of sunshine for most, but perhaps with some cloudier interludes later in the day along the south-western alpine border with France.

Little change is expected in the weather on **Monday**, with good sunny spells and freezing levels generally between 1200m and 1800m.



Plenty of sunshine in La Thuile today - 11 March 2016 - Photo: lathuile.it

Switzerland

The rest of **Friday** will see long spells and just a little cloud here and there, especially in the east. Freezing levels will be situated at around 1200m to 1700m.

Saturday, **Sunday** and **Monday** will see more in the way of low cloud in the northern Alps, with sunshine only at high altitude. Further south it should be generally sunnier. Freezing levels will remain roughly between 1200m and 1700m.



Bright but a little hazy in Laax this afternoon - 11 March 2016 - Photo: laax.com

Outlook:

The weather for the rest of next week is somewhat uncertain at present. It may become a little more unstable for a while with some snow showers in places, especially in the western Italian Alps mid-week.

Generally speaking though, there will be lots of dry, if relatively cool, weather for mid-March.

Next detailed snow forecast will be on Wednesday 16 March 2016, but see [Today in the Alps](#) for daily updates

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