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Updated: 2.30pm Tuesday 22 March 2016

Sandwiched between low pressure in the Mediterranean and high pressure over the UK, the Alps are still under a relatively cool north-eastern air current. Most places will be dry this week, but some snow showers will feed into the eastern Alps, notably the northern Austrian Alps, on Wednesday and Thursday.

Snowfall totals will generally be modest, but 20-30cm is possible in some favoured north-eastern Alpine locations, most likely to the east of Innsbruck.

It will turn drier and milder for a time towards the weekend before a new storm approaches the Alps from the north-west later on Sunday...

Detailed forecast:

Austria

The rest of **Tuesday** will see a lot of cloud in Austria, especially in the northeastern Alps (e.g. Salzburgland) where the odd light shower (snow 900-1200m) is possible. The best of the sunshine will be in the far south and west.

On **Wednesday** and **Thursday**, showers will become more widespread across the northern half of the Austrian Alps (snow 600-900m), with the far south remaining drier and brighter.

It will become brighter and milder in all regions on ${\bf Friday}$, with freezing levels around 1800m.



Variable cloud in southern Austria today. This is Turracher Höhe - 22 March 2016 - Photo: photowebcam.eu

France

The rest of ${\it Tuesday}$ will be mostly sunny above any low lying fog patches, with freezing levels close to 2000m.

Wednesday and **Thursday** will remain mostly dry with variable cloud and sunny spells. It will feel colder, however, especially on Wednesday, when there will be a strong north-easterly wind in exposed areas.

Friday will be a little milder, but it will cloud over later in the northern Alps, with a few showers possible (snow 1500m).



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Portes du Soleil. This is Avoriaz - 22 March 2016 - Photo:

The rest of ${\it Tuesday}$ will be mostly sunny with freezing levels between 1700m and 2300m.

Wednesday and Thursday will remain mostly dry with sunny spells. However, it will turn cold with freezing levels closer to or below 2000m.

Friday will be milder again and still mostly sunny.



Beautiful weather in La Thuile this afternoon - 22 March 2016 - Photo: lathuile.net

Switzerland

The rest of **Tuesday** will be mostly dry and sunny above any low lying cloud/fog, with freezing levels between 1700m and 2000m.

Wednesday and Thursday will see variable cloud, with some showers in thenorthern Alps (snow 700-1000m) heaviest in the north-east. The southern Swiss Alps will be mostly dry and bright.

Friday should see better weather right across Switzerland, with freezing levels back up towards 2000m.



Sunny skies across the Rhône Valley today. This is Vercorin - 22 March 2016 - Photo: valdanniviers.ch

Outlook:

Saturday will see a few early showers (snow 1000m) in the north-eastern Austrian Alps, otherwise most parts will be dry with plenty of sunshine and relatively mild temperatures.

On **Sunday**, the central and eastern Alps will be mostly fine, while a new storm reaches the west bringing some snow in places, initially at high altitude but dropping to relatively low levels on Sunday night.

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Next detailed snow forecast will be on Friday 25 March 2016, but see <u>Today in the Alps</u> for daily updates

